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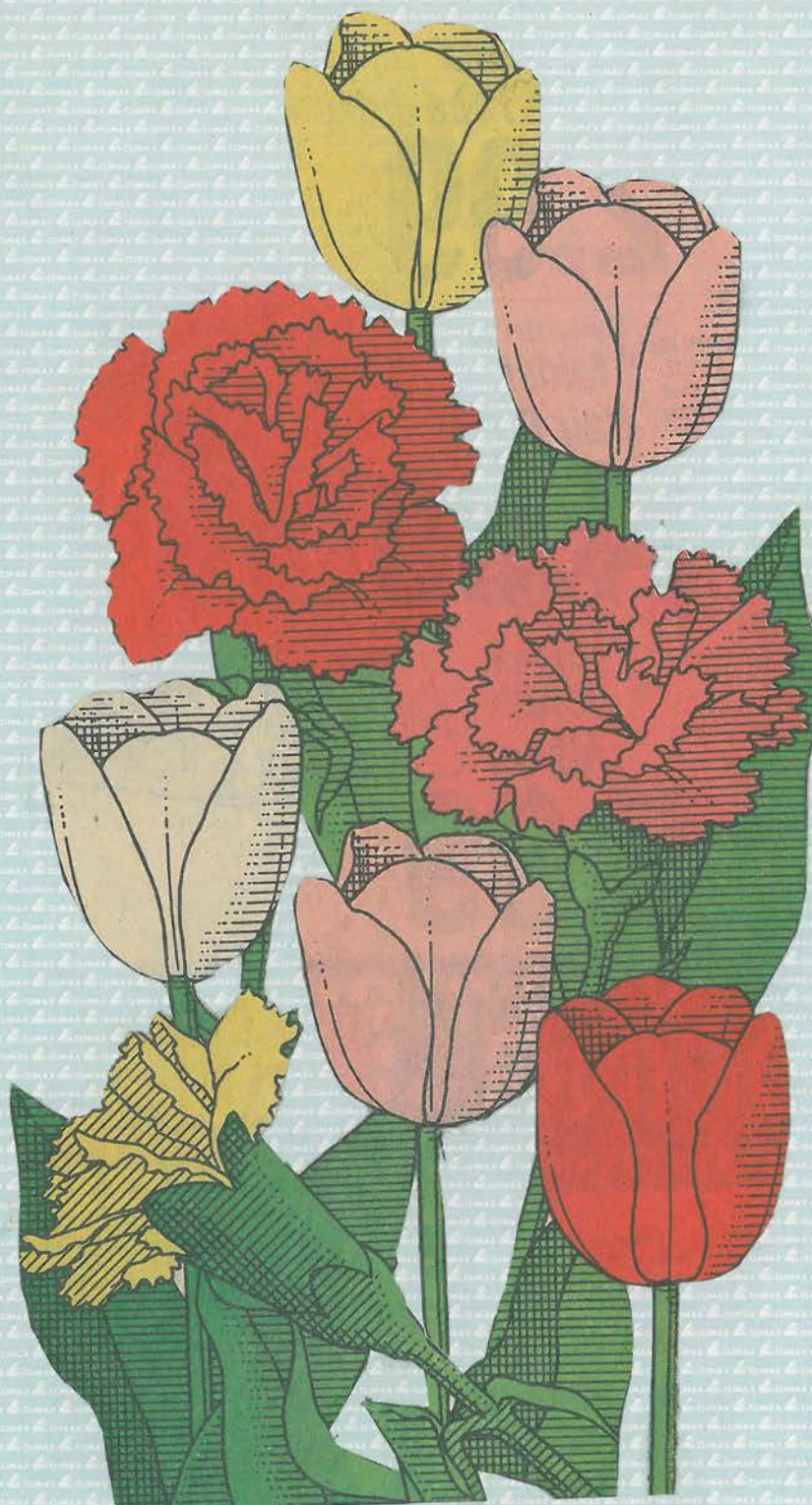


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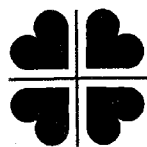
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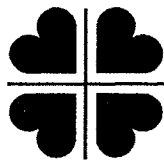
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**SISTERS OF CHARITY
HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.**



Residents of St. Marguerite d'Youville Pavilion, Lewiston, are planning events for the celebration of National Nursing Home Week, May 12 through 18. From left are, Rita Dean, Paul Dumont, Louie Brochu and Irene Houle.

A WOMAN OF HER TIME. A SAINT FOR ALL TIMES.



SAINT MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE Foundress of the Sisters of Charity

The public is cordially invited
to celebrate with
The Sisters of Charity of St. Hyacinthe
"Grey Nuns"
and
The Sisters of Charity Health System
at the
Mass of Thanksgiving
honoring the Canonization of
Saint Marguerite d'Youville

Most Reverend Joseph J. Gerry, O.S.B.
Bishop of Portland
Celebrant
Saturday, April 20, 1991
1:30 p.m.
SS Peter and Paul Church
Lewiston, Maine

Reception to follow at Lewiston High School.

St. Marguerite's mission continues through the unique blend of quality, compassionate health care delivered by members of St. Mary's Hospital and d'Youville Pavilion, and the dedication to service at Campus Cuisine.

'Grey Nun' saint honored with Mass

By SUSAN RAYFIELD
Sunday Staff Writer

LEWISTON — Some 1,000 worshippers turned out Saturday for a Mass of Thanksgiving at SS. Peter and Paul Church to honor Saint Marguerite d'Youville, founder of the Sisters of Charity of Montreal — the order which led to the establishment of St. Mary's Hospital.

D'Youville was canonized last December by Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

The ceremony this weekend opened with a procession of long-time hospital-complex employees, clergy, and Sisters of Charity from Lewiston, other New England states and Canada — known as the "Grey Nuns." Before the altar were white candles, bouquets of white daisies called "marguerites," and a painting of the saint, set on a gold-colored cloth.

"There is something very exciting about the canonization of a new saint, especially one who is not made of plaster," noted the Most Rev. Joseph J. Gerry, bishop of Portland, in his homily.

He described d'Youville, born in 1701, as one who had lived "in messy times," knew "the ambiguities of life," and was familiar with sickness, injustice and sorrow.

"And yet she was able to respond with love," Gerry commented. "She was a woman for her times and for ours . . . an amazing lady."

A native of Canada, Marie Marguerite de Lajemmerais was said to be very tall, with brown hair and dark eyes. She was widely recognized for her dedication to the poor and the elderly.

Married to Francois d'Youville at 20, she had six children, four of

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St. Mary's Hospital names Rancourt new coordinator

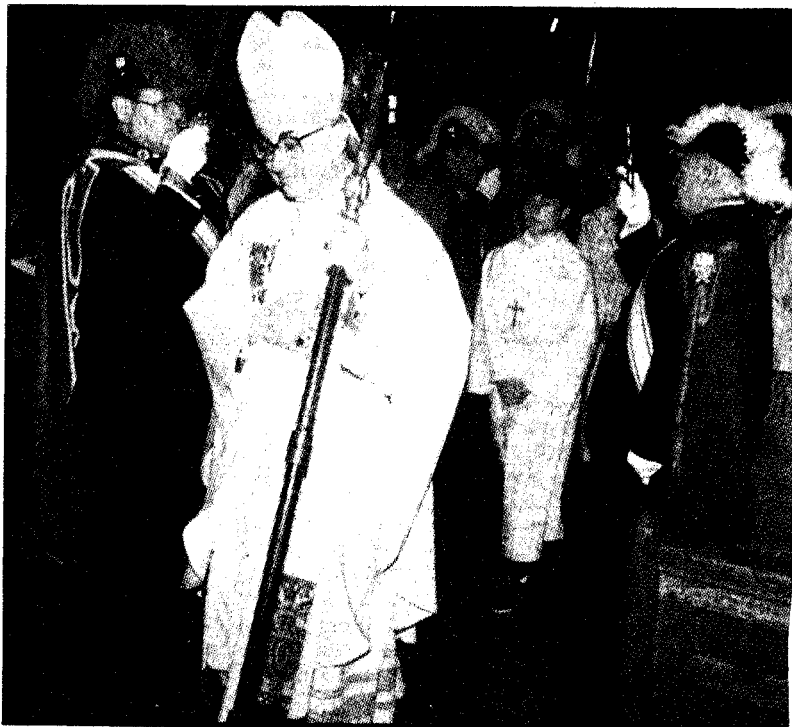
LEWISTON — Kenn Rancourt has been named spiritual care coordinator for the Behavioral Medicine Division of St. Mary's Hospital. In this capacity Rancourt will provide spiritual assessments, conduct spiritual issues groups and assist patients in connecting with the church/synagogue of their choice upon discharge.

He will also be available to organize and conduct workshops for clergy and pastoral workers.

Rancourt has served as the director of pastoral care at St. Mary's Hospital since 1978. He is a member of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains and currently serves as the Maine Regional Rep for NACC. He is a member of the Lewiston/Auburn Interfaith Clergy Association and served two years as this association's president in 1985-87.

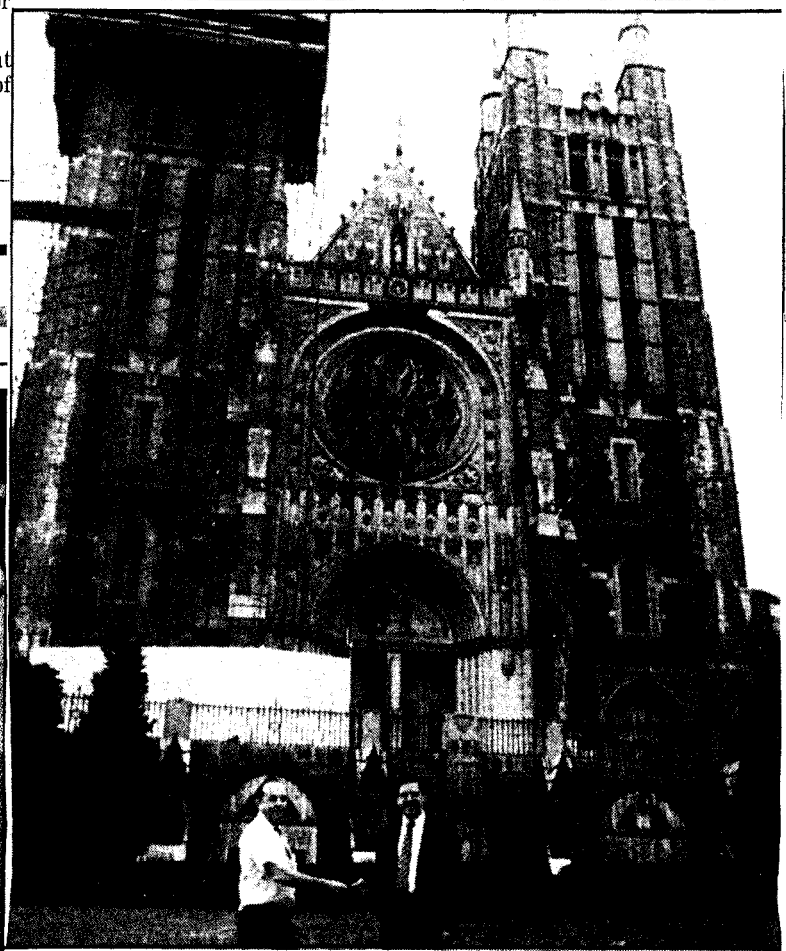
Rancourt received his master's degree in pastoral theology from the Oblate Graduate School of Theology in Natick, Mass., and furthered his counseling graduate work at Catholic University of Washington, D.C. He is a certified hospital chaplain.

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The Most Rev. Joseph J. Gerry, Bishop of Portland, walks under the raised swords of the Knights of Columbus members during a Mass to celebrate the canonization of Marguerite d'Youville at SS. Peter and Paul Church.

CHUCK REICHL/Sunday photographer



Restoration fund-raiser

Gerry Morin, left, deputy grand knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 106 sells Mayor James Howaniec the first ticket to the organization's fund-raising event to go toward the restoration of Saints Peter and Paul Church, which looms in the background. The evening features a dinner, dance, auction and casino to be held Oct. 19 at the Multi-Purpose Center. Music will be provided by the Moon Dawgs. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be obtained by calling Gerry Morin at 782-0354. For more information, call 783-3161 or 784-6236.

Saint from 1A

whom died in infancy.

Her husband proved more interested in drinking, gambling and selling illegal liquor to the Indians. When he died eight years later, she became a single parent, struggling to pay off his debts and provide for her two young sons.

"The fact that Marguerite succeeded in these goals with determination and courage is admirable in itself, but her story did not end there," said Sister Diane Beaudoin, a member of the Sisters' Regional Council, in her welcoming remarks.

"In spite of her own difficulties, she reached out to others in need, even going so far as inviting the poor to come and live with her."

Eventually, three other women joined her, inspired by her charity, and the Grey Nuns were born.

In 1747, d'Youville took over Montreal's general hospital, which was near ruin, and restored it, despite harsh criticism from town officials unaccustomed to such an independent woman.

Crowds stoned the women and called them "Les Soeurs Grises," which in French means "the tipsy nuns." With humility, d'Youville adopted the mocking name, which also can mean "the Grey Nuns."

D'Youville also established the first foundling home in North America, buried criminals hanged in the town square, and tended the wounded in the French-English war of 1756.

Until the end, her life was one of compassion and charity. She died in 1771.

"Many say that Marguerite d'Youville is to Montreal what Mother Theresa is to India and the world," Beaudoin remarked Saturday. "She is a saint because she saw the connectedness of all people. She was a woman who knew personal hardship, and she simply could not close her eyes to the suffering of others."

In the case of d'Youville, the road to sainthood involved almost 100 years of testimony and documentation, reviewed by church officials.

In 1890 she was declared "venerable," the first step toward sanctity. Then in 1959, based on two miracles attributed to her, she was beatified, and earned the title "blessed."

According to church records, the miracles involved cures of other Grey Nuns, one of whom was diagnosed with terminal tuberculosis lesions and the other, with near blindness. In both cases, recovery followed prayers to Mother d'Youville.

The determining miracle for canonization, however, was the recovery of 29-year-old Lisa Normand, a Canadian woman stricken with untreatable cancer.



Marguerite d'Youville

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In 1878, four Grey Nuns from St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, came to Lewiston to teach students here. They saw the need for health care in the area, and stayed to establish St. Mary's Hospital, 10 years later.

In 1928, Maine's largest nursing home, Maison Marcotte, now renamed the St. Marguerite d'Youville Pavillion, opened its doors.

Today, the Lewiston complex — including the hospital, a nursing home, and congregate housing in the process of being transferred to the Sisters of Charity Health System — is the largest health care community in the state.

"I see Marguerite, if she were alive today, being there for the homeless, and victims of AIDS," said Beaudoin, in an earlier interview. "Her influence is felt here at the hospital, in our care of the sick and through our drug, alcohol, and psychiatric units."

The Sisters of Charity are now in the process of transferring ownership of the Lewiston complex to the Grey Nuns of Montreal, who have a base of operations in Massachusetts.

"Becoming a part of that health care system will only strengthen us," Beaudoin said. "We won't be one hospital alone, with leadership in Canada. Instead, we'll be able to connect with other Catholic hospitals and resources in the U.S."

Worldwide, there are over 4,000 Gray Nuns, in seven Canadian provinces, seven U.S. states, and three countries in South America, as well as Japan, Africa and Haiti.



George Lajoie

Celebrates 97th birthday

LEWISTON — George Lajoie celebrated his 97th birthday at a July 4th party held at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Juneau, 809 Main St.

Party activities took place on the lawn and the guest of honor received many cards from family and friends, as well as a money tree and gold wrist watch.

A long-time resident of Lewiston, he currently resides at Maison Marcotte, remains very active and enjoys his daily walks. He is the father of seven daughters and one son, and has many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Banquet marks 50th anniversary celebration

LEWISTON — Sister Solange Bernier was honored by members of La Survivance Francaise as she celebrated the 50th anniversary of her entry into religious life and her teaching career. She has served as the group's chaplain since 1988.

She received the special recognition at the club's May banquet, which was held at the Ramada Inn.

A musical program was presented, featuring Raoul Pinette, Constance Pinette, Bob Bott, Irene Bisson,

Doris Bergeron, Lorraine Sarrazin, Romeo Poulin, Georgette Berube, Alice Maheux and Sylvia Roy.

Lionel Berube and some classmates shared grammar school memories of Sister Solange.

A native of Lewiston, she attended St. Mary's School in Lewiston and Mount Merici in Waterville, prior to entering religious life with the Order of Ursuline Sisters.

She received a bachelor's degree in French and history at St. Michael's

College, Winooski, Vt., and a master's degree in French and theology, magna cum laude, at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

She also took French and education courses at Boston College, Colby College in Waterville and the Ursuline Generalate in Rome, Italy.

She received a diploma for specialization in teaching French and enrichment courses in Canadian literature from Laval University in Quebec.

She has received many awards and honors, including being chosen an outstanding secondary teacher in America in 1975 and a plaque from Lewiston Mayor Paul Dionne in 1982 for her outstanding contribution to Franco-Americans.

She also taught school in Sanford, Waterville and Springvale.

She has been on the faculty at St. Dominic Regional High School for the past 23 years.

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Sister Solange Bernier



Employees honored for their long-term service and dedication at the Sisters of Charity Health System's annual recognition night are, from left, seated, Merna Bonney, 30 years; Norman Perron, 40 years; and Monique Bernier, 25 years; standing, Alice Poulin, Pauline Pelletier, Claire Anctil, Eugene Dunlap, Barbara Charles, all 20 years; Pauline Morin, 25 years; Marlene Racine, Mary Jane Caron, Gail Martel, all 20 years; Annette Howaniec, 25 years; Marguerite Blais, Georgette Whittier and Dorothy Perron, all 20 years.

Russell Park names director

LEWISTON — Russell Park Manor has named Paulette Lachance as admissions and social service director.

Lachance comes to Russell Park with experience in administration and management of a family business for 11 years.

Most recently she served as a licensed social worker at Community Concepts Inc. in Auburn.

She has had extensive training in human resource and development programs, many of them dealing with the elderly. She is currently working toward a degree in human services.

She also serves on several agency boards as an advisory member. She is a member of Holy Cross Parish in Lewiston and is bilingual.



Paulette Lachance

St. Mary's volunteers contribute more than 30,000 hours of service

LEWISTON — More than 175 volunteers at St. Mary's Hospital were honored at a recognition dinner for contributing more than 30,000 volunteer hours during 1990.

A missioning ceremony was held in d'Youville chapel to highlight the evening. Sister Dorothy Cooper from the province of St. Joseph spoke about the important and varied roles volunteers play within the Sisters of Charity Health System.

Following the ceremony, a formal dinner and the presentation of awards was held at Campus Cuisine. Gov. John McKernan's National Volunteer Week Proclamation was read and the Maine Office of Volunteerism recognized the following people for outstanding volunteer contribution to their community — Palma Bourgoin, Louise Gervais, Diane Greenleaf, Jeffrey Levesque, Jeannette Michaud, Sybil Nadeau and Andrew Rafferty.

Messages of appreciation from many hospital departments were read and a candid photographic display of volunteers "on the job" was exhibited at the entrance to the dining room.

The following volunteers were honored for the number of hours they donated to St. Mary's.

4,000 hours: Christine Colby.

3,000 hours: Mirelle Punteri.

2,000 hours: Muriel Lafayette.

1,000 hours: Dorothy Doyle, Sister Aurore Roux, Mary Turcotte and Rita Wall.

500 hours: Irene Francoeur, Lorraine Langlois and Janine Pierce.

100 hours: Jeannette Albert, Byron Ames, Lorraine Belanger, Julie D'Auteuil, Anita Dulac, Gisele Gondek, Diane Greenleaf, Beulah Hilliard, Germaine Lamontagne, Ruth Miller and Violette Ouellette.



St. Mary's Hospital volunteers, who are recipients of the state of Maine Volunteer Certificate of Recognition given for outstanding contributions, are, from left, seated, Jeannette Michaud, Sybil Nadeau and Pam Bourgoin; standing, Andrew Rafferty, Diane Greenleaf and Jeffrey Levesque.

Volunteers recognized for years of service to the hospital are:

35 years: Yvette Marin.

30 years: Viola Deshaies.

20 years: Anita Lacoste.

15 years: Nick Biron and Fernand Lagasse.

10 years: Rejane Gosselin, Jeanne Laflamme and Carmen Lagasse.

Special recognition for outstanding community contribution was given to Palma Bourgoin, Jeannette Michaud, Sybil Nadeau, Laurianne Cormier and Marthe Rivard.

Volunteers continue to play an integral role in the operation of St. Mary's Hospital. They are particularly needed to staff the information desk, gift shop, patient transport and the newly established Patient Comment Program.

Applications for both adult and junior volunteer programs are available at St. Mary's volunteer office and may be mailed out upon request. For more information, call Pauline Fournier, director of Volunteer Services at 786-2901, extension 2965.



Special Mass

A special Mass of Thanksgiving will be concelebrated at 11 a.m. Sunday in the lower church of Saints Peter and Paul Parish in honor of the Rev. Camille Bouvier. Bouvier has retired from his post as prior of the Dominican Fathers, after having served in that capacity for the past six years. He was also chaplain for the Sisters of Charity, a past spiritual director of the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality, and served as assistant pastor at Saints Peter and Paul Parish from 1958 to 1973.

Gayton Post 31 installs



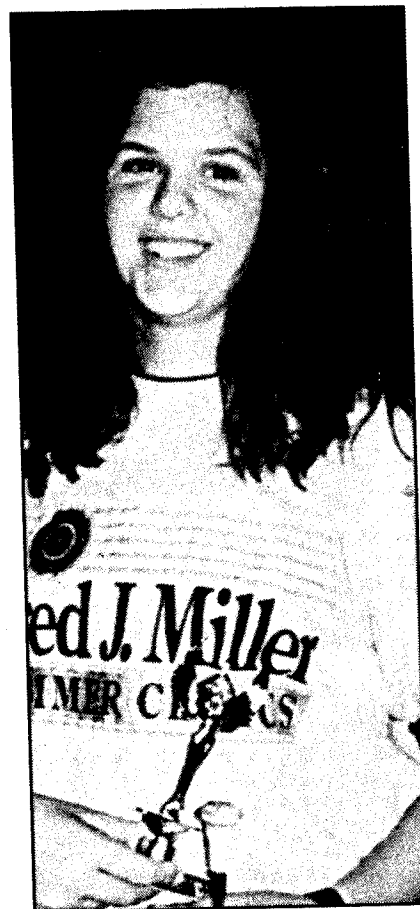
Post officers

In installation ceremonies held recently at American Legion Alden M. Gayton Post 31 in Auburn, new officers assumed their positions for the coming year. Participating in the event were, from left, seated, Charles Michaud, Maine department adjutant; Doris Baker, department vice commander; Howard W. Buzzell, Post 31 commander; and Joseph Bartos, county commander and installing officer; standing, Henry Chasse, county treasurer; Carroll Parker, chaplain; Al Pratt, second vice commander; Lucien Dumont, first vice commander; Maurice Marquis, sergeant-at-arms for Legion Post 22. Absent were Charles Ginn, adjutant, and Gerald Langlois, finance officer.



Auxiliary officers

Participating in the installation of new officers for the Alden M. Gayton American Legion Post 31 Auxiliary were, from left, seated, Kay Koss, county sergeant-at-arms; Pearl Sirois, past district president and installing officer; Judy Martin, president; and Jo Bell, past president of Post 158; second row, Lois Pratt, second vice president; Paula St. Pierre, treasurer; Mary Heverling, secretary; Susan Berube, chaplain/historian; and Aggie Brown, first vice president.



Chris Barcelou

Local twirler wins award

HAMPDEN, Conn. — Chris Barcelou, daughter of Robert and Rachel Barcelou of Lewiston, was chosen most outstanding twirler recently at a summer clinic for marching band auxiliary units, held at Quinnipiac College.

A sophomore at Lewiston High School, where she is an honor student, she is a twirler and auxiliary member of the school's marching band and member of the ski team and Keyettes. She has been twirling and competing for nine years and is a student at Champions Choice School of Baton Twirling.

St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary to focus on health

By LINDA GALWAY
Sun-Journal Staff Writer

AUBURN — Looking to address issues of the 90s that interest various age levels, St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary will hold its first official meeting Monday.

"We want to appeal to both men and women," said Steering Committee member Tookie Clifford. "That's why we didn't use 'women' in the title."

Unlike the disbanded Patronesses organization, whose main goal was fund-raising to support the hospital, this new group wants to carry on some of the old goals while focusing on current health issues and offering a broad base of interesting programs to its members, explained Joan P. Paradis, also a member of the Steering Committee.

"One of the things we realized is that people don't want to volunteer their time just to raise money, but they want to know what's relevant for them," said Clifford.

"You have only so much time to devote to community service," added Paradis. "If you're investing time in this, you're taking it away from something else."

Clifford said the thrust of the organization will be on the "health, education and physical well-being" of its members and the community.

The organization is "in its infancy," she noted, with an election of officers and establishing of committees part of the first meeting's agenda.

So far, with just over 30 "working members," the auxiliary has set up



JOSE LEIVA/Sun-Journal

Tookie Clifford, left, and Joan P. Paradis hope the St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, which meets for the first

time Monday, will address current issues of interest to various ages, both men and women.

several committees. The goal is to attract at least 150 members by fall. "I think that's realistic," said Clifford.

And with the number of committees and proposed committees, 150 members won't be too few.

Four are already in the works, the women said.

An Education Committee is charged with organizing wellness/nutrition education workshops and programs for local elementary and junior high schools.

The Cookbook Committee is orchestrating the compilation and printing of a practical manual featuring nutritionally balanced and easy-to-prepare meals for families on the go.

A Safe Walking Area Committee is

pursuing contacts to help create a safe, visually-appealing walking area in the Twin Cities. This group plans to produce a leaflet describing walking areas in surrounding regions, including such practical information as location, mileage, lighting, surface features and difficulty.

A Craft Committee is aiming for a November holiday sale and has begun gathering, creating and organizing donations of crafts and artwork. This committee, said Clifford, got its impetus from the Patronesses and will carry on the craft fair tradition.

Other proposed committees include the Art Display Committee, to support and encourage local artists by displaying their work in the hospital lobby; Teddy Bear, to provide children with an opportunity to tour the hospital and see the inside of an ambulance; Adopt-a-Grandparent, to assist older members of the community who are still mobile but have no one with whom to shop, attend concerts, dine out, etc.; Hospital Companions, to greet and accompany patients to various services as needed within the hospital; and Programs, to meet the needs of the group's own members by planning guest speakers and activities for meetings.

Anyone interested in learning more about the organization may attend Monday's meeting, scheduled to get under way in the second-floor cafeteria of Maison Marcotte on Campus Avenue at 7 p.m., or contact Clifford or Paradis through St. Mary's Hospital.

He was almost a dentist:

Priest celebrating 40th anniversary

By LINDA GALWAY
Sun-Journal Staff Writer

AUBURN — If the Rev. Conrad L'Heureux had given in to the doubts he experienced as a teen-ager, he'd be wearing white today instead of black, and he wouldn't be celebrating his 40th year in the priesthood.

Though inclined toward the vocation since he was a youngster, L'Heureux, "like all normal kids," went through three or four years when he just wasn't convinced.

"My ambition was to become a dentist," the Sanford native said.

However, upon entering college, his spiritual director, a Franciscan priest, issued him a challenge.

"He said that (being a dentist) was good, but he believed I could do something even better," L'Heureux recalled. "I thought I would try, and if the Lord was calling, it would work."

It did.

As pastor of Sacred Heart Church, where he has been assigned since 1983, L'Heureux will be surrounded by family, friends and clergy as he celebrates his Mass of Thanksgiving at 4 p.m. Sunday. Today, he will be the guest of honor at a dinner in the parish hall following the 5 p.m. Mass.

"I was surprised to find I enjoyed preparing for the priesthood," he said. "But there came a time when I had to make a decision about not marrying. I knelt down on my 'prie-dieu,' and all of a sudden I said this is what I want to do."

All in all, it's been a happy life, he says, filled with "peaks and valleys, but that makes it fulfilling. When you're high, it's great; but when you're low, you have to learn how to be high again."

He easily accepted the changes brought about by Vatican II, when the priests turned to face the parishioners and the language of the Mass could be understood by everyone.

"I was kind of a worldly guy when I was younger," he said. "I had my own orchestra, a band, and (one of the older priests) never had much faith in my priesthood. But after the changes, I probably fit in better. It was more of what I thought a priest should be doing."

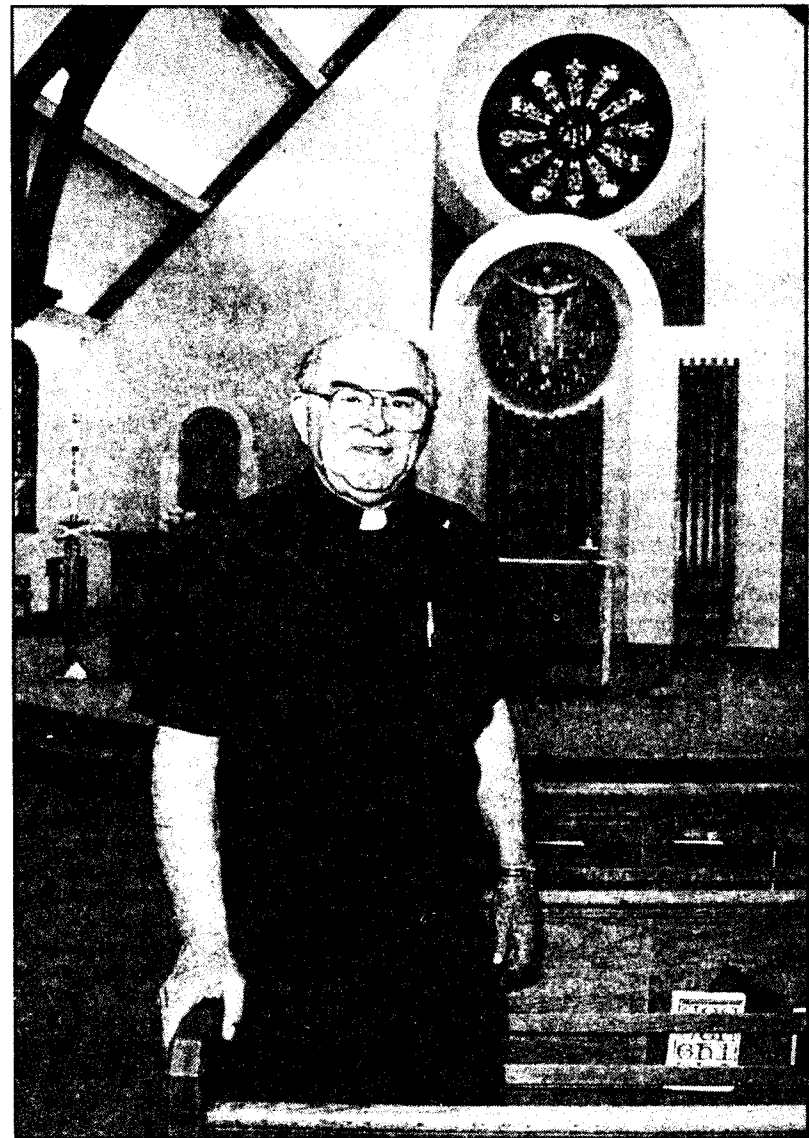
"In seminary, you're taught to avoid the opposite sex and the world, that you're 'in the world, not of the world.' But we are in and of the world and relate to one another as human beings," he continued. "In those days they were more concerned about the soul. To me, it is the whole person the Lord created, not just the soul."

Though he never expects to see it in his lifetime, L'Heureux, still energetic at 66, predicted that someday priests may be allowed to marry and women priests will be ordained.

"I don't have anything against priests marrying because it was that way in the Church for the first six or seven hundred years; however, I understand the Church's discipline is structured in such a way as to be easier to offer a celibate priesthood."

He also says he has no real reservations about women priests. "They are as much in the Church as I am," he said. "Let's suppose it is a calling, that there are women who are being called (by the Lord). We're missing them. And the men who are called, we're losing them because they want families."

L'Heureux said he emphasizes "the calling from God. In order to be



JOSE LEIVA/Sun-Journal

The Rev. Conrad L'Heureux, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, is celebrating 40 years in the priesthood this weekend.

able to understand a calling, one has to be able to talk to God. It's a language of communication — a prayer life — then you can hear God speaking to you."

Though it would have been easy for him to join the Franciscan order, because of his early schooling, L'Heureux instead decided to become a parish priest.

A parish priest touches the hearts of thousands of people, he said.

"They counsel, lead, direct and help. I didn't think I could take a vow of poverty or obedience," as required by the Franciscans, he candidly admitted. "I promised to obey the bishop, but that's not a vow. The only vow the Church insists on is celibacy."

The other two vows, he explained, are simply a way to become more perfect, "but perfect is enough for me," he chuckled.

Parisien is honored by Auburn

By CAVENAUGH KELLY
Sun-Journal Staff Writer

AUBURN — Julie Parisien, the budding World Cup skiing star, took some time out from her busy schedule Thursday to give something back to her roots at the Auburn Ski Association's recognition banquet at the Auburn Middle School.

Parisien, who grew up in Auburn and attended the middle school, was given the key to the city by Auburn Mayor Richard Trafton. She also spoke to the crowd of young skiers, parents and coaches on her recent accomplishments as a member of the U.S. Ski Team.

The 19-year-old Parisien won a World Cup giant slalom race last month at Waterville Valley, N.H., becoming the first American woman to win a World Cup race since 1987.

Previously, Parisien had won two NorAm races and a Europa Cup development race before capping her season with the win in Waterville Valley.

"I'm happy to be here and to be reacquainted with a lot of Auburn skiers," said Parisien, who drove up from Boston after a late class at Northeastern University.

"We all know as skiers we're underdogs in America. I think skiing is only something like the fifth most popular sport in the country. It's important we take the time to appreciate the sport," said Parisien, who attended secondary school at the Burke Mountain Academy ski school



JOSE LEIVA/Sun-Journal

Accomplished hometown skier Julie Parisien, left, receives the symbolic "key to the city" from Auburn Mayor Richard Trafton during Thursday night's Auburn Ski Association recognition dinner at Auburn Middle School.

in Vermont.

"Every level of skiing is important. As in all sports, everything starts at the bottom.

International French groups help keep family ties intact

International family associations, a presumed fad of the mid-1980s, have not only crossed the U.S./Canadian border, they've crossed the Atlantic Ocean. And they're still popular today.

L'Association des Archambault d'Amerique was formed March 17, 1985, with Camille Archambault as president, Jacques Archambault as vice president, Andre Archambault as treasurer, and Paul Archambault as secretary.

This and other international family associations have been formed to celebrate their ancestral heritage.

In the summer of 1985, the Archambaults gathered at Saint-Antoine-sur-Richelieu, the parish founded by the Archambault family in 1724. It is said that even today half of the population are descendants of the original Archambaults, or have married an Archambault.

The Jesuit journal Inedit des Jesuites, dated Aug. 17, 1689, reports that Denis Archambault was killed in Montreal during a raid by 60 Iroquois Indians.

Jacques Archambault, who came to New France with his parents as a young boy, married Francoise Toureau in 1620. He was 16 years old; his wife was 20. The couple had four children: Anne, born 1621; Marie, born in 1636; Laurent, born in 1642; and another girl, also named Marie, born in 1644. Both children named Marie lived, married and had children of their own. Francoise died Dec. 9, 1663; Jacques died Feb. 15, 1688, in Montreal.

To their son Laurent is credited the long family line of Archambaults. Laurent married Catherine Marchand, daughter of Pierre and Genevieve Pespine Marchand, Jan. 7, 1660, in Montreal. They were the parents of six boys and six girls. They named two boys Laurent. One was born Jan. 20, 1662, and the another June 27, 1668.

They also had three girls named Marie: Marie-Genevieve, born April 9, 1666; Marie-Madeleine, born Sept. 2, 1685; and Marie, born Dec. 11, 1688. It was the practice to give a girl the middle name of Marie; boys often had Joseph as a

Jo Anne Lapointe

Franco Files



middle name.

For more information about L'Association des Archambault d'Amerique and future activities, contact Paul Archambault at (514) 274-8389 in Canada.

L'Association des Albert d'Amerique, founded in 1983, had a family reunion June 30, 1985, at Kamouraska, Quebec. The event included a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Aurele Plourde, whose mother's maiden name was Suzanne Albert.

More information about the organization may be obtained by contacting Francois Albert, 2964 rue Summerside, Sainte-Foy, Quebec, Canada.

Jo Anne Lapointe is a free-lance writer who lives in Winthrop.

Schoolchildren collect eight tons of food

LEWISTON — The Good Shepherd Food Bank will be able to help those in need to a much greater extent, thanks to the schoolchildren of Lewiston and Auburn.

Through Kids Helping Kids, 18 schools in Lewiston and Auburn collected canned and boxed food items, which were then turned over to the food bank. In all, close to eight tons of food was received for distribution to families in need.

Food bank executive director, Joan Pike, says the Kids Helping Kids program was established due to the urgent need in the Lewiston-Auburn area.

"Current sources were simply not enough to allow us to provide families with the necessities. This was a way to create an awareness among the area school children that there are children going hungry right here, in their own neighborhoods," she said. Pike continued, "It's just amazing! The school children really wanted to accomplish this task and they came through with flying colors!"



Several students from Holy Cross School in Lewiston are preparing food items to be donated to the Good Shepherd Food Bank. They are, from left, Kimberly Guerlin, Brian Vye, Sean Gosselin, Amy Little, Justin Lebel, Greg Vaillancourt, Jason Chretien and Brian Landry. Through the efforts of the entire student

body, one ton of food was collected. Eighteen schools in Lewiston and Auburn participated in the project and turned over a total of eight tons of food to the food bank during the Kids Helping Kids campaign.



Irene St. Denis, right, is pictured at her retirement party with Cecile Mathieu, director of Maison Marcotte in Lewiston.

Irene St. Denis retires

LEWISTON — Irene St. Denis retired recently after working 26 years within the Sisters of Charity Health System (SoCHS).

She began her relationship with SoCHS as a part-time secretary at St. Mary's Hospital of Nursing in 1965. Later she became the financial aid officer for the school.

After the closing of St. Mary's School of Nursing, St. Denis became secretary for St. Mary's Hospital Education Department. Just prior to retirement, she served as secretary at Maison Marcotte congregate apartments.

A celebration was held in honor of St. Denis at Rolandau's restaurant. Family and friends attended. During the festivities all members of St. Denis' family were formally "Bruinized." St. Denis is an avid Boston Bruins hockey fan and in tribute to her retirement her family switched their hockey allegiance from the Montreal Canadians to the Bruins.

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Downtown 'Tuna' on tap

LEWISTON — Final rehearsals are underway for the Lewiston Downtown Theater Series production of the comedy "Greater Tuna."

The play will run from June 13-15 at 8 p.m. and June 16 at 2 p.m., at 71 Lisbon St., five doors down from Drapeau's Costume Shop. The play stars Louis Carbonneau and Matthew Garcia.

Proceeds from the show will be donated to a shelter for the homeless with which Bro. Irene Richard is involved.

Reservations may be made by calling 782-9466.



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Louis Carbonneau, Bro. Irene Richard and Mathew Garcia.



JUDY MEYER photo

Ron Morin is shown holding the Charlie Hutchinson Award for the Central Maine Youth Hockey Association. The award honors a league member who exemplifies the love of the game and a dedication to the young hockey players. At left is Charlie Hutchinson, for whom the award is named, and at right is Jerry Chenard, CMYHA president.

Morin receives hockey award

By JUDY MEYER
Special to The Sun-Journal

SABATTUS — The Central Maine Youth Hockey Association held its annual awards ceremony on Sunday at Oak Hill High School and honored one of its own with a new award named after the founder of the league, Charlie Hutchinson.

The original CMYHA program operated as a function of the Sabattus Recreation Commission until 1985 when Hutchinson founded the CMYHA and helped organize it into the association it is today. This is the first year for the Hutchinson Award, which is presented to a member of CMYHA whose "love of hockey is matched only to their love for kids."

Ron Morin was the first recipient of this award, and he praised Hutchinson as a "real hockey man." Morin

also said that he was proud to be the first recipient of this award.

Jerry Chenard, who has been the president of CMYHA for the past two years, opened the program by thanking sponsors Beaulieu Logging, Tri-Sports, Harleys-R-US, and Mid-Maine Savings for their contributions throughout the year. He also thanked the volunteer coaches and assistant coaches, parents, and the board of directors for a very successful season. Chenard also recognized and congratulated CMYHA's Mid-Maine Savings Pee wee team, winner of the State Pee wee House Division championship.

Youth players from Atoms through Bantam divisions received trophies, certificates of participation, and individual recognition for hat tricks and shutouts.

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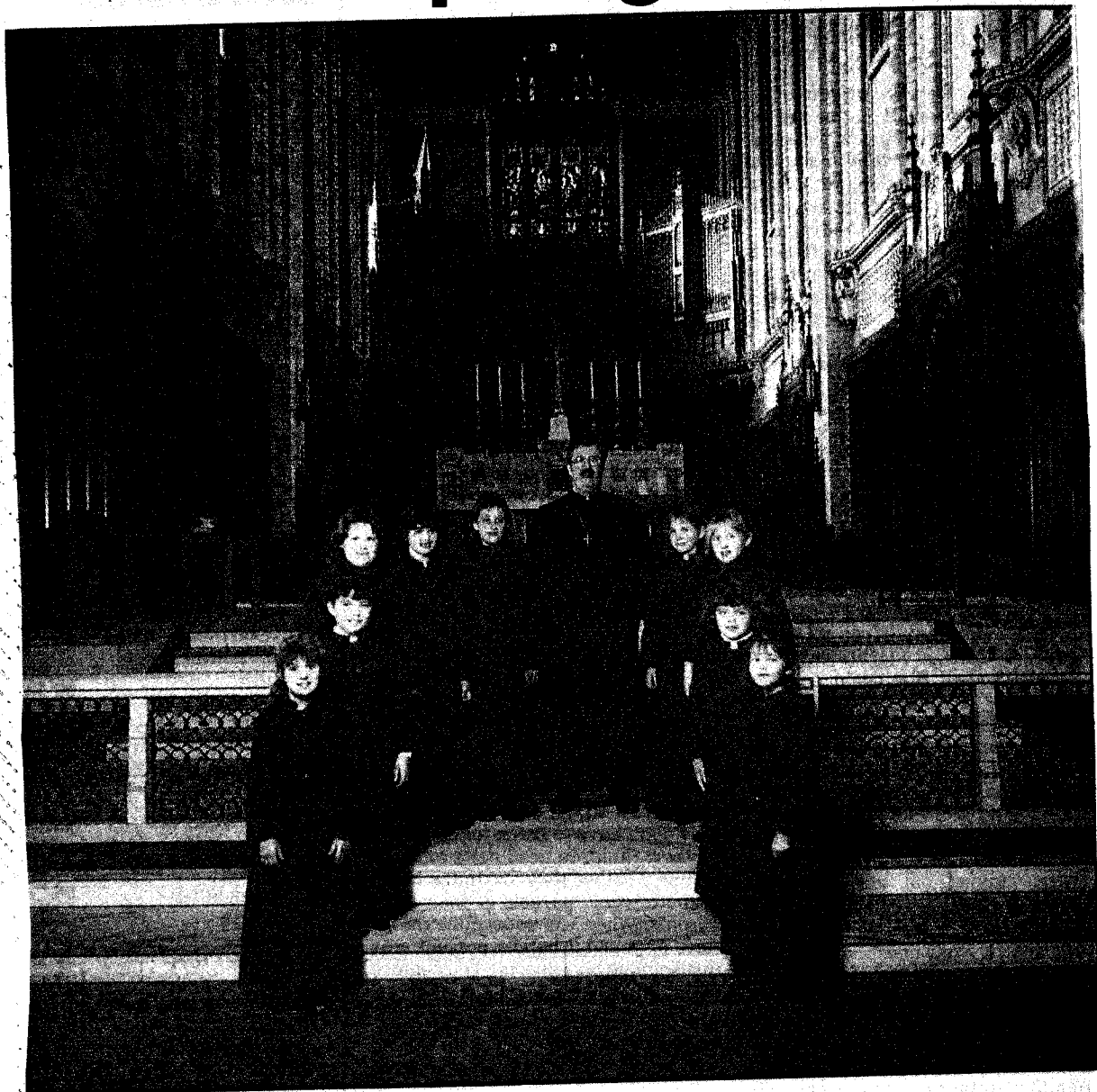


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Dr. Dionne was practicing Chiropractic in Quebec, Canada, before deciding to join the Lewiston-Auburn Healthcare Practitioner's Team. He's held a Maine State License since November 1990 and his doctorate degree in Chiropractic since December 1989.

first spring concert



The nine voices of St. Peter School's Girls Choir will be heard May 5 at 3 p.m. in the upper section of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Lewiston. With director Brian Franck, from left, are choir members

Amber Dumond, Nichole Veilleux, Lucille Schepers, Melissa Ouellette, Leah Faunce, Amber Caron, Erika Williams, Katie Veilleux, and Michele Nadeau.

PHIL ROGERS photo

Fine Arts festival planned at Tripp MS

By JENNIFER DECKER

Tripp staff

The 1991 Fine Arts Festival will take place at Tripp Middle School on Wednesday, May 8. The doors open to the public at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

The festival will feature artwork and a music concert by TMS students. The artwork, different projects the students have done in class, will be hung in the hallways of Tripp. The artwork will be judged and first, second and third place winners will be awarded ribbons, and will be on display for several days.

The music concert will be held in the TMS gymnasium, featuring the TMS concert band, both jazz bands, and the chorus.

Yvette Beaucage designs a shirt for festival





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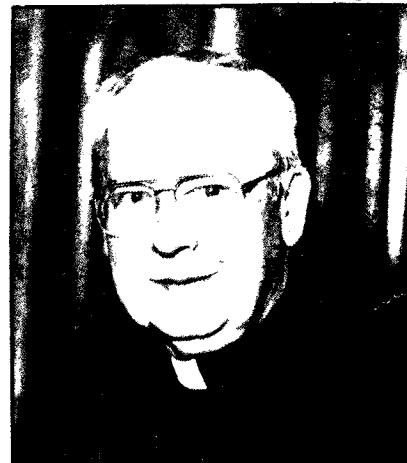
Puzzling it out together

Gerald Ouellette, a fourth-grader at Farwell School, Lewiston, enjoys a light moment with his mother, Dorise Ouellette, while working on Toothpick Puzzles recently during Family Math Night. The Lewiston School Department's Chapter 1 program sponsored the systemwide event, which gave students in grades two to six and their parents an opportunity to use math manipulatives in problem-solving situations. About 30 families attended.



Planning May fair

May Fair '91 will be held May 18 and 19 on the Holy Cross School grounds with a wide range of events, including a white elephant tent, children's games, arts and crafts, casino, raffles, haircuts and a variety of entertainment. The Parents, Friends and Teachers Association is sponsoring the fair and supervising the arrangements are Ann Jagger, left, president, and Anita Stevens, vice president. Activities take place from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Further information may be obtained by calling the school at 783-9323.



Rev. Rene Lavoie

Anniversary of ordination is celebrated

AUBURN — On May 19 at St. Louis Church in New Auburn, the Rev. Rene Lavoie celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood.

Lavoie was ordained a priest May 19, 1951, at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Portland. His first assignment was at St. Mary's in Presque Isle, followed by assignments in South Berwick, Island Falls, Millinocket and Lisbon Falls. In June 1985 he was assigned as pastor of St. Louis Parish.

The celebration began with a Mass of thanksgiving at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. The Rev. Sylvio Levesque and Monsignor Raymond Begin concelebrated. After Mass, family members, clergy, friends and parishioners gathered for a reception in the church hall.

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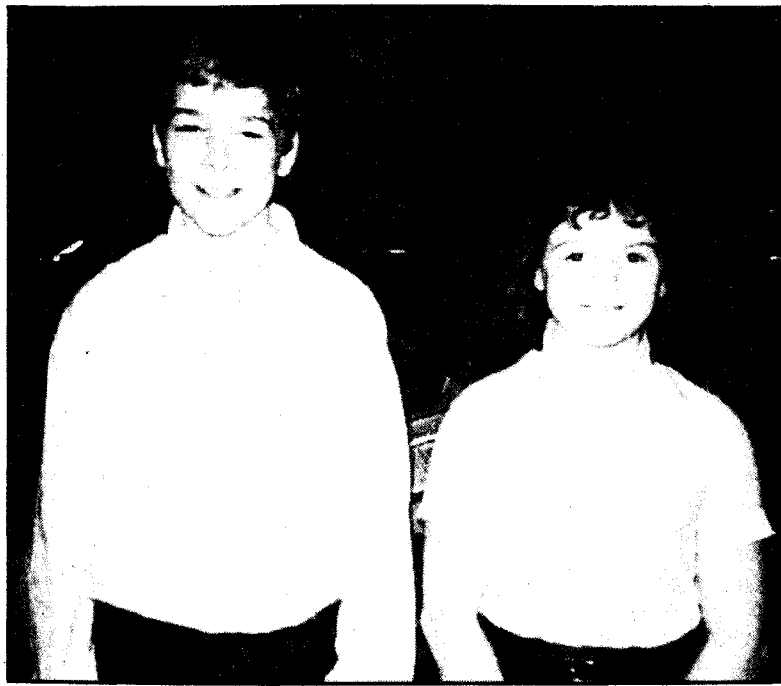


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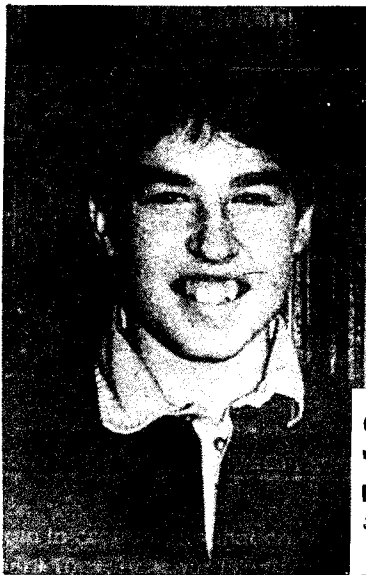
The Catholic School District Spelling Bee was held at St. Joseph's School in Lewiston recently. Emerging as the spelling champion was Erin Dawley, right, of St. Joseph's, and the runner-up was Andre Albert, left, of Holy Cross School. Contestants representing St. Peter's School were Lee Provost, Lynn Thibault and Jessica Robert; Holy Cross School, Matthew Elie, Jason Sirois and Albert; St. Joseph's School, Max Andrucki, Meaghan Turcotte and bee champion, Dawley, who will compete in the county bee today at Lewiston Junior High School.

St. Dom's Student of the month

By BRANT GRIESHABER
St. Dom staff

Freshman Michael Albert was elected Student of the Month for February at St. Dom's Regional High School. The astonished Michael feels he has earned his rank among the students, partially because of his devotion to the school, but gives most of the credit to his friendly approach to people, and his outgoingness and open mindedness towards academics. He feels a great deal of help has come from a particular teacher, Mr. Violet

In addition to the recent honor, Michael has received a French award, and a Perfect Attendance award when he was in the 8th grade. Outside of his typical school life, Michael lifts weights at the St. Dom's gym on Mondays. He also enjoys baseball and a good tennis match.



MIKE ALBERT

Michael finds St. Dom's life interesting. He sees the teachers as hard working and he has a lot of confidence in the programs. He definitely intends to complete high school at St. Dom's and would like to thank his teachers and those students who nominated him.

Brother Gerry chosen MVP at St. Dom's

By BRENDA MORRISSETTE
St. Dom staff

Br. Gerry Laflamme has been named Most Valuable Player for St. Dom's. Br. Gerry has been at St. Dom's for 22 years. During his early years at St. Dom's he was a teacher, tennis coach, hockey moderator, and baseball moderator.

In 1968, the year St. Dom's went co-ed, he became a full time guidance director and athletic director till 1982.

Brother Gerry is presently in charge of the canteen. When asked what he likes best about his work he said that he likes the family spirit, the responsible pleasant helpers and the friendliness of the students.

Congratulations on being chosen MVP, and keep up the good work.



BROTHER GERRY



Ben Mathieu, Celeste Duchette, and Steve Morin were among the St. Dom Key Club jacket recipients at the awards night presentations. Steve is vice-president elect and Celeste is secretary-elect.

St. Dom seniors bond

By CHRISTINE BEAUDETTE
St. Dom staff

Last month, the senior class at St. Dom's were given an opportunity to gather for reconciliation. It is traditional at St. Dom's for each class to come together individually during the season of Lent. On these occasions, each class is offered the sacrament of reconciliation and a time of peace and reflection.

This year, the sacrament of reconciliation was offered to the seniors at St. Patrick's Church in Lewiston. Father John Audibert from Holy Cross Parish attended as well. It was a

chance to be forgiven and renewed for Easter. It was an option which many students chose.

However, those not wishing to receive the sacrament were given quiet time to simply think and reflect. This time could be used to write letters to people who students needed forgiveness from, or to those whom they felt they should confess to.

Whichever option was chosen, each student seemed to have benefited from the experience. It was a good preparation for one of the most important feasts of the Catholic Church, that is Easter.



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Susann Pelletier reads selections of her poetry.

Lewiston native honors immigrants through her poems

By DAVID ANDERSON
Sun-Journal Staff Writer

AUBURN — Tribute to the hopes and tribulations of immigrant generations marked poet Susann Pelletier's work presented at the First Universalist Church Friday.

Pelletier's reading was the third in a "United Nations of Poetry" series funded by the Maine Arts Council. In addition to pieces from her previously-published "Immigrant Dreams and other Poems," the poet read recent, unpublished work including a tribute to Archbishop Oscar Romero, assassinated in 1980 by a Salvadorian death squad.

Much of Pelletier's work is informed by the Franco-American working-class culture from which she springs, and by the experience of her Lewiston childhood.

"Back then, the city in which I was born

Gave little comfort.

It shook me with the clatter of looms

and night machines. . ."

So reads the opening stanza of her poem "Immigrant Dream," which both honors and laments the generations who gave their lives and hopes to the city's mills, "French people who built cathedrals . . . their backs stooped now with the weight of the dream."

The poem contrasts the factory workers' soul-numbing labor with that of her cabinet-maker father, "a maker of whole things," in whose work she "saw how a world is crafted by two steadfast hands."

Her father is depicted again in "You Dancing at 72," the generations linked in the excited laughter of the poet's tiny daughter, swayed in the arms of her singing grandfather.

She writes of him in still another piece:


"There lingers in some men
a craft of happiness
never moored to those shifting
docks

of worldly means and ends."

From the anthology "Voices in Translation," Pelletier read of her "Memere" Marie-Ann Maillet, painfully leaving the Quebec farm of her childhood to follow her family to Maine and the "dream" represented by a job in the mills. In "For My Grandmother" she writes of the old lady's delight in receiving a gift of raspberries from her adoring grandchild.


Although the price the immigrants paid was high, the culture they created was enduring. As a child, Pelletier said, she longed to escape from her environment but, after residence and study in Chicago, found she needed to return to her ancestral and geographic roots to realize her artistic voice.

Pelletier, a graduate of Bates College and Northwest University, is a freelance writer and editorial consultant. In addition to "Immigrant Dreams" and "Voices in Translation," both published by Soleil Press, her work has been published in the anthology "Contemporary New England Poetry" and in literary magazines.



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Preschoolers learn fire safety

The Insurance Women of Androscoggin Valley have completed a series of "Learn Not To Burn" seminars that they presented to various day-care operations in the Lewiston-Auburn area. Children from Irma McGuinness' and Gail Fernet's day care centers are pictured while participating in a seminar. From left in back are Janet Slade, Claire Bellefleur, safety chairperson; Jim Hart, Dave Gagnon, Lt. Norm

Guerette of the Auburn Fire Department and Julie Gile, president of Insurance Women of Androscoggin Valley. The program is composed of three sessions, the first two sessions conducted by instructors and the third by the local fire department. The program teaches preschool children the difference between things that are hot and things that are cold and what to do if they should burn themselves.

— Amnesty International celebration— is planned for area high schools



By HEATHER ZAYSZLY
Leavitt staff

On Friday, May 17th, at Lewiston High School, there will be a 30 year celebration for Amnesty International.

Festivities are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and run to 11 o'clock. There will be a DJ and dancing, followed by Amnesty films "Death Penalty" and "You Could Be Arrested."

At 9 o'clock there will be a toast to freedom, after which Reza Jaleli, released prisoner of conscience will speak to the group.

There will also be a skit, petitions to sign, guitar playing, a candle light vigil and birthday cake.

Sean Douglas, a senior at Lewiston High School has organized the cele-

bration. Each year, a celebration is held in Boston. Since it is difficult for students to raise money for the trip, Sean wanted to organize a celebration that all students could participate in.

All schools with Amnesty International groups have been invited. So far, the following schools are attending: Thornton Academy, Oxford Hills

High School, Hampden Academy, Edward Little High School, Lewiston, Mt. Ararat, Medonmak, Freeport and Leavitt.

Please help us celebrate Amnesty International's thirtieth year. There will be a cover charge of \$2 per person. The money raised will be donated to the Amnesty Annual General Meeting.



Brady Leclair and Cindy Brissette, Leavitt fashion models

L-A grads first class

By CRAIG DOREMUS
Sunday Staff Writer

LEWISTON — After years of convincing politicians, university administrators and the public of its worth, Lewiston-Auburn College finally has a proud accomplishment: its first crop of baccalaureate degrees.

There were plenty of hugs and beaming smiles to go around yesterday afternoon at a reception honoring those nine baccalaureate candidates and about 50 associate degree graduates at the Westminster Street



Mary Sylvain, right, gets a hug of congratulations from her mother, Lena Vye, after a reception for L-A College's first class of graduates.

RUSS DILLINGHAM/Sunday photographer

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campus.

One of those proud graduates is Mary Sylvain of Auburn. At 44, she is an untraditional college student, but her story typifies L-A College.

In 1976, Sylvain dropped out of high school, but was able to get her high school equivalency diploma in 1981. "I finally realized I wasn't as stupid as I thought," Sylvain recalled.

But raising five kids and marital problems that resulted in divorce put her college plans on hold.

In the fall of 1986, Sylvain started taking courses at the former Auburn Center of the University of Maine at Augusta. When L-A College opened in 1988 she enrolled in the social and behavioral science program.

In addition to her studies, she worked with the Displaced Homemakers group.

At the reception yesterday, looking back on her college journey, Sylvain was philosophical. "I've feeling very good, but at the same time I'm feeling a sense of loss."

While the average age of an L-A College student is 33, there are many on campus much younger and much older than the norm.

What did she learn from the younger students, Sylvain was asked?

"I learned to have a sense of play — to let go of being so serious," she said with a smile.

Stacy Slack is one of those younger graduates. "Everybody here has been real enthusiastic, and it's been a good experience," she said, recalling her L-A College years.

Slack also appreciates the mix of students at L-A College. "You have people who have worked in the public sector and people who have never worked before, so it gives you a really diversified background as far as knowledge goes," she said.

One person who worked in the public sector quite a long time is Lucien Gosselin. At yesterday's ceremony Gosselin, who was Lewiston city administrator for almost 10 years, recalled that he and former mayor Paul Dionne conceived the idea of L-A College in 1980.

"It was a long battle after that," he said.

The battle was eventually won and L-A College became a reality.

It is a fitting tribute to his efforts that Gosselin is one of the nine baccalaureate recipients of L-A College. And it is much more.

"It's touching, to say the least," he said, adding, "I personally felt a moral obligation to follow through and live the experience."

Gosselin is graduating with almost straight A's. For his public service on behalf of the college and for his academic excellence, he was presented with a special student achievement award at yesterday's ceremony.

Slack also received an award for her academic excellence. Other student achievement award recipients were: Patricia Tilton for her work as a peer advisor; Kathleen Castonguay for her student government work; and Sandy Robinson for her tutoring work.

"This is a very exciting occasion for yourself and your families," Lewiston Mayor James Howaniec told the graduates. "It's also a very exciting occasion for this community, some of whom are in this room who have worked so hard for the past 10 years to make this school a reality."

"It's a complex world out there and it's getting more complex as we approach the year 2000. And there's no doubt that there's an undisputed correlation between economic development and improved education," he said.

"I want to congratulate not only the graduates, but the family members, the children, the spouses, the parents," Richard Randall, the provost of the University of Maine at Augusta told the audience. "You have made a tremendous accomplishment, and I'm proud to have been invited to say 'Congratulations.'"

Lewiston-Auburn College has about 1,400 students; 79 percent of them are women. In addition, the college employs about 24 staff, 12 full-time faculty and 40 part-time faculty.

Three bachelor's degree programs are offered by L-A College through the University of Southern Maine. Another four associate degrees and one bachelor's degree are offered through the University of Maine at Augusta.

Diplomas for this year's L-A College graduates will be awarded on May 11 at either the USM or UMA commencement ceremonies.

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Claydon "Mac" Richardson, of the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority, explained a proposal Wednesday night to six municipal representatives of towns that send waste to LAWPCA's treatment facility. Normand Lamie, chairman of the board of trustees is pictured in the background.



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Matt Gladu of Lewiston slides under the tag of Thornton Academy pitcher Chris Nason to score on a passed ball during the fifth inning of Thursday's SMAA base-

ball game at Franklin Pasture. The Blue Devils erupted for 15 runs in the fifth en route to a 21-7 victory.

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State Rep. Albert Stevens is framed by Union 44 Superintendent Robert Pelletier, foreground, and state Sen. Georgette Berube as they and Sabattus School Com-

mittee Paul D'Amour listen to a discussion about how the Legislature might change its funding for education, Friday in Sabattus.

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Sharing in the rain

Allison Lachapelle holds an umbrella for friends Jara Johnson, left, and Kristy Brown, Tuesday afternoon. The National Weather Service says rain is possible again today.



Cheryl A. Paquette

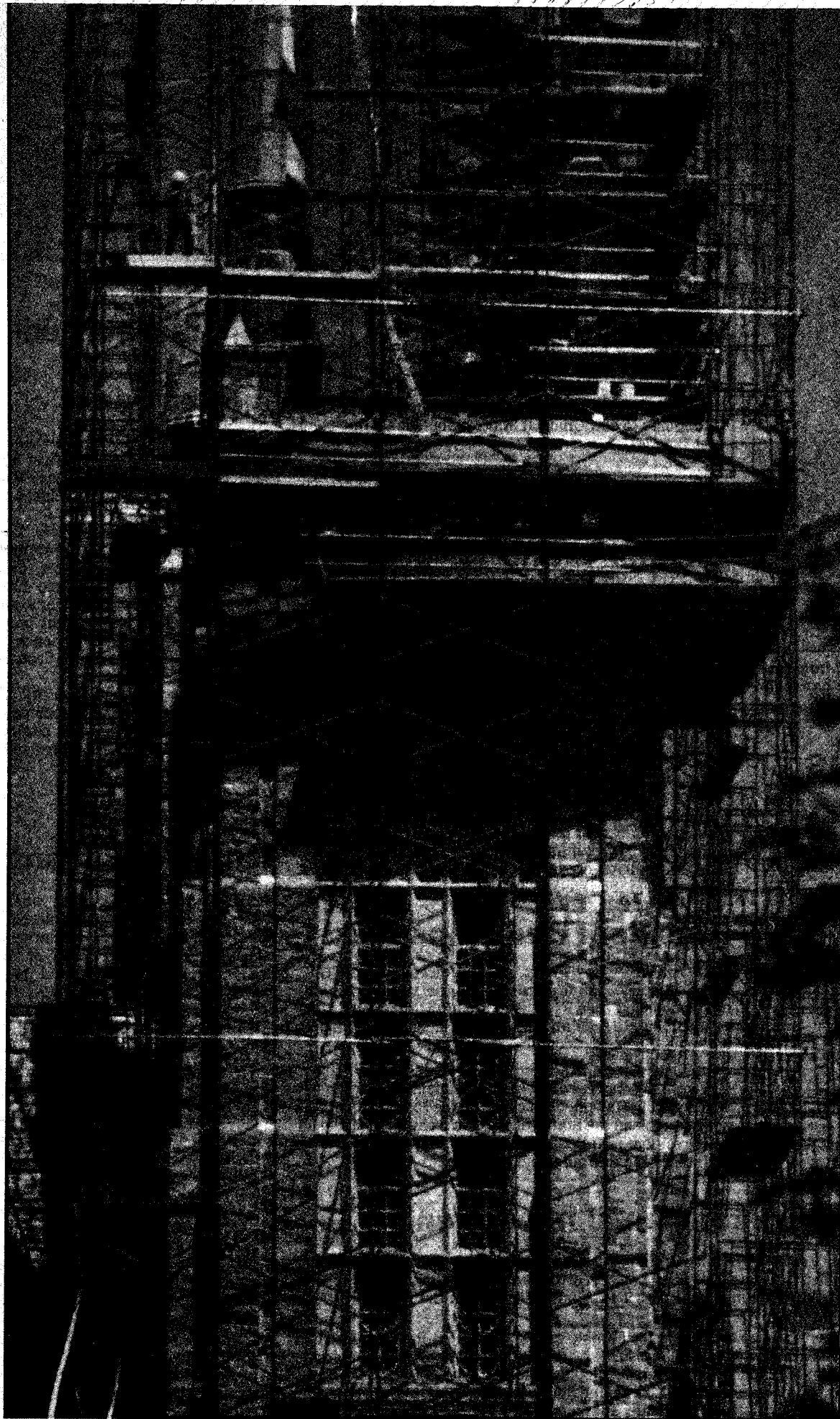
LEWISTON — Cheryl A. Paquette, daughter of Normand and Joanne Paquette of 15 Rosewood Ave., Lewiston, has been accepted by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to participate in its accounting co-op program at the John F. Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Her work will be alternated between Florida and classes at the University of Maine Orono, where she is a member of the junior class, majoring in accounting.

At UMO she has been on the dean's list all four semesters, was awarded the sophomore Eagle of which she is public relations officer, is a member of the Financial Management Association which she serves as vice president of administration, treasurer of Gamma Sigma Sigma national service sorority, participates in field hockey and volley ball intramural programs and has been involved in the Helping Hand Van Chair project.

Paquette graduated from Lewiston High School in 1989, with honors and as salutatorian of her class.

Lewiston woman accepted for NASA co-op program



A worker stands in the web of scaffolding that surrounds Saints Peter and Paul spires in Lewiston, just the beginning of a monumental fix-up project.

Russ Dillingham/Sunday photographer

In'spire'-ing steeple work preserving L-A skyline

By SHARON DEVEAU

Sun-Journal Regional Staff Writer

LEWISTON — Standing on the sidewalk beside Saints Peter and Paul Church, Frank Morrison and Greg Stone raise their eyes skyward to the staging that encases the church's magnificent but deteriorating towers.

High above the pavement, two workers hidden by a labyrinth of pipes and planks that make up the staging encasing one of the towers chisel out the crumbling mortar. The crevices between the stones then will be filled with new mortar to strengthen the church's facade. Occasionally, the sound of debris hitting the wooden platform emanates downward — audible proof that people are really up there.

Morrison and Stone have supervised restoration projects at numerous Catholic churches throughout the Diocese of Portland in their work with DICON, the diocesan-owned, non-profit construction company performing the work at Saints Peter and Paul. But the task of refurbishing the mammoth granite church on Ash Street is by far the company's most challenging — primarily because of the structure's size.

"It's the nearest we'll ever get to God," says Morrison, DICON's superintendent, as he scans the height of the staging, which rises more than 175 feet into the air.

Morrison, along with Stone, DICON's masonry foreman, is overseeing the long, arduous task of restoring the granite church and repairing its leaky four-spired twin towers.

It is not work for the faint of heart or the fumbling of foot.

"They don't make a move without thinking first," Stone says of the workers, all whom are tethered to the

staging with safety equipment. The world atop a 175-foot high platform is totally different from that at street level, says Morrison. A slight breeze at ground level, he says, becomes a gust up there, making movement difficult and dangerous.

The weather also is an important factor, Morrison and Stone explain.

"The minute we see dark clouds, we're done," says Stone. Workers, he says, never take a chance when it comes to lightning.

Catholic construction company

Formed during the 1970s to help maintain and repair the roughly 600 diocesan-owned buildings around the state, DICON, an acronym for Diocesan Construction, specializes in stone restoration, according to Morrison.

In the years since the company's founding, it has never had a worker fall from staging — a record that Morrison and Stone are determined to maintain.

Besides the Saints Peter and Paul restoration, the company also is involved in repairs at St. John's Church in Bangor.

Although Catholic churches belong to the Bishop of Portland, the responsibility for their upkeep falls with the individual parishes, which is why the congregation at Saints Peter and Paul has embarked on a \$2 million capital campaign to pay for the work.

Because of its non-profit status, however, DICON can perform the work for about 20 percent less than a commercial firm, Morrison said.

The staging alone took a month to set up, Morrison said. Rainy and windy weather during April hindered

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the process, he said.

The complexity of the job prompted DICON to hire Triple G Scaffolding of Hanover, Mass., to engineer and erect the staging, which Morrison said can hold 25 pounds per square foot. As DICON finishes other projects around the state, Morrison plans to assign additional workers to Saints Peter and Paul. However, the staging can only accommodate a limited number of workers, he says, adding, "I'd like to put more (up there) but I don't dare."

The project, started earlier this spring, will take at least a year and maybe longer, depending on the extent of the damage. "You never (know how serious the damage is) till you open it up," Morrison says. "You can be cruising along and then you might get bogged down," Stone says.

While the time frame for finishing the job remains uncertain, "It would be awful nice if a year from now that staging was over on this side," Morrison says, referring to the tower closest to Bartlett Street.

A leaky history

Ed Leveque, who is heading up the capital campaign, says the church's spired towers began leaking almost from the day it was built back in the 1930s. The water seepage took its toll on the church interior, ruining the ceilings.

A lack of regular maintenance made the problems worse until parishioners, about three years ago, heard a stark warning: start making substantial repairs within three years or within a short time the church will have to be torn down.

Church officials actually considered demolishing the landmark, admits Leveque. But when estimates for razing the structure came back at \$1.5 million, the Parish Council and pastor figured why not spend at least that much to save the church, Leveque says.

"It's a monument" to the hard-working people who sacrificed to give the money \$800,000 to build it, says Leveque. Aside from its religious significance, the Gothic church also has immeasurable historic value, he says.

"This is what sets off Lewiston-Auburn," Lev-

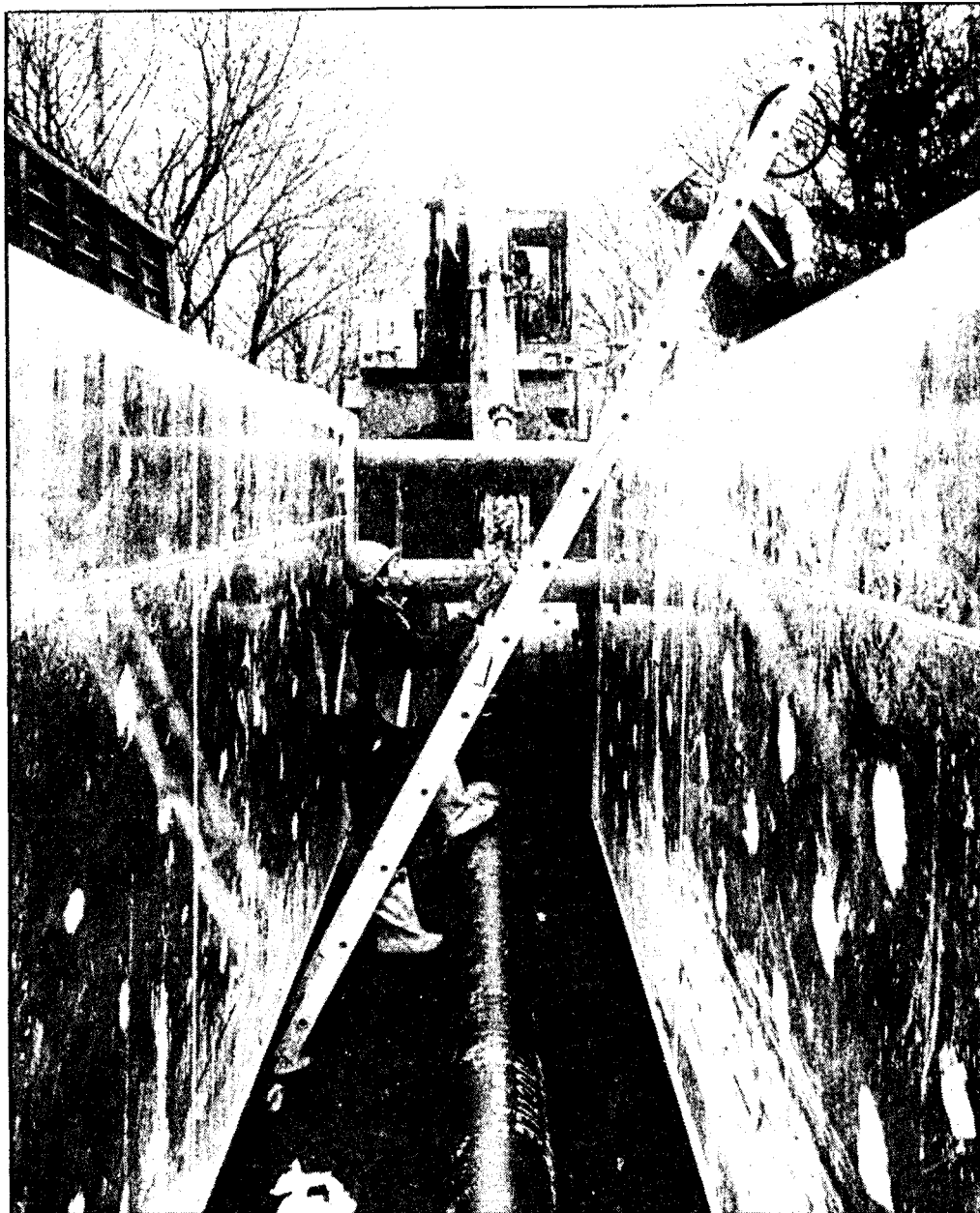
equé says of the church, whose spire is a landmark that inate the Lewiston-Auburn skyline. "I can imagine removing that from that skyline."

Once the exterior leaks are fixed, the work will move inside, where the church's heating and heating systems will be replaced. An elevator will be installed.

The renovations should take three to four years to finish, Leveque says. After that, the church should come on the profits earned from the former Central Maine Youth Center. "The roughly \$50,000 a year will be used for maintenance on a regular basis."

The church's spires, the source of the leaks, should be checked every seven years, he advises. "If during the inspection anything's failed, they should get right on it any potential damage."

"Stone buildings are harder to work on because of kind of weather," Morrison says. "The extreme temperature fluctuation from summer to winter. When the winds kick up, you're going to move," he says, because the stone is "not as flexible."

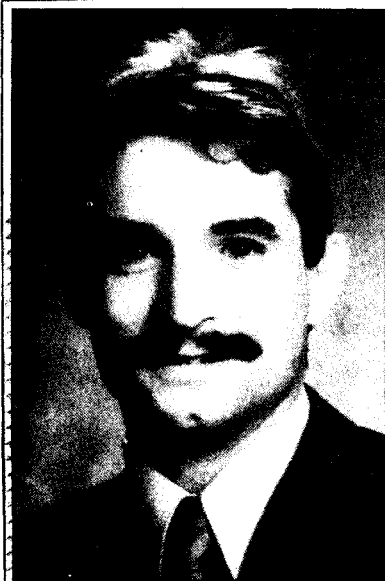


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Webber Avenue water line

Work is winding down on a water project that began last summer, was interrupted over the winter and resumed this spring. Lewiston water department employees work on the inside of a trench box for safety reasons as they install a water main on Webber Avenue Thursday. Dan Doucette waits for a hole to be dug while Walter Cyr tosses a

tape measure from above. City crews have been installing 16-inch pipe on portions of Sabattus and Webster streets and Webber Avenue to connect the Webber Avenue reservoir into the water system. Main installation is expected to be completed next week, Public Works Director Christopher Branch said Thursday.



To begin residency

Dr. Daniel R. Lalonde graduated with honors from the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio, Texas, May 27, where he received the Merc Manual Award for academic achievement. He is a 1980 graduate of Lewiston High School and a 1984 graduate of Bates College, receiving a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. Prior to attending medical school, he conducted cancer research for three years under the auspices of the University of Texas medical branch in Galveston, Texas. In July he will start his intern and residency programs in internal medicine at Maine Medical Center, Portland. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Lalonde, 267 Pond Road, Lewiston, he now resides in Falmouth with his wife, Mercedes, and three sons.

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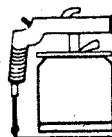


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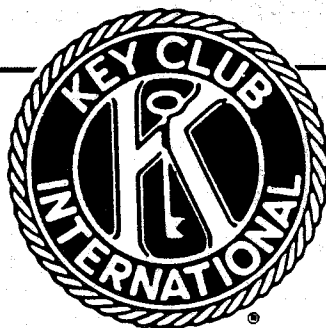
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Key Club earns more trophies at New England convention



St. Dom Key Clubbers smile with the trophies they received at the Key Club District Convention held recently at Springfield, Mass., where they were the host club. In front are David Dube '91, district project co-chairman, and Ben Lampron '91, Lt. Gov. Div 23 B. In the second row are Steve Morin '93, vice president elect for '91-'92; Scott Gosselin '91, Peter Bilodeau '92, treasurer; Celeste Duchette, secretary '93 elect. In back are Amy Barriault '92; Matthew Richard '92, president elect; Marc Lepage '91, outgoing president; and Andrew Marquis '93



Subdivision on board agenda

other hours. Hazlett will be out of office during the early afternoons on-site inspections, Miller said.

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Local

Hundreds to celebrate:

St. Dom's toasts 50th anniversary

By BARBARA PROKO
Sun-Journal Staff Writer

LEWISTON — It took two weeks to hand-address the 4,200 invitations, but the effort paid off. Hundreds of alumni are coming home this weekend for St. Dominic Regional High School's 50th anniversary celebration.

"The spirit echoes" is the theme of the reunion, which will offer two full days of activities for the 500 graduates expected to attend. Plans for the event were laid nearly a year ago, and about 150 local volunteers have been involved in carrying them out.

"We knew we wanted to have something big, and we knew we needed a lot of people," said Rita Dube, director of the development and alumni office at the school. For

"We wanted to get them (the alumni) to come; the whole purpose is to celebrate, not raise money," Dube said. At the same time, "the last thing anyone wanted to do was indebt the school."

A bingo marathon last fall raised \$8,000, which "should cover our expenses," Dube said. "The important thing was for us to keep the price down, so the cost to attend Nostalgia Night is \$5 ... and the banquet is \$17.50."

Nostalgia Night — or "Retrouvaille" — will be "the fun night," the time when alumni have a chance to reminisce, "look at pictures and laugh," predicted Gosselin.

Old photographs, yearbooks and scrapbooks will be abundant, but the displays set up at St. Peter's Hall will include much more: school sweaters, athletic uniforms, class



St. Dominic Regional High School has full days of activities to help some 500 friends celebrate the school's 50th anniversary. Among the activities scheduled is a N

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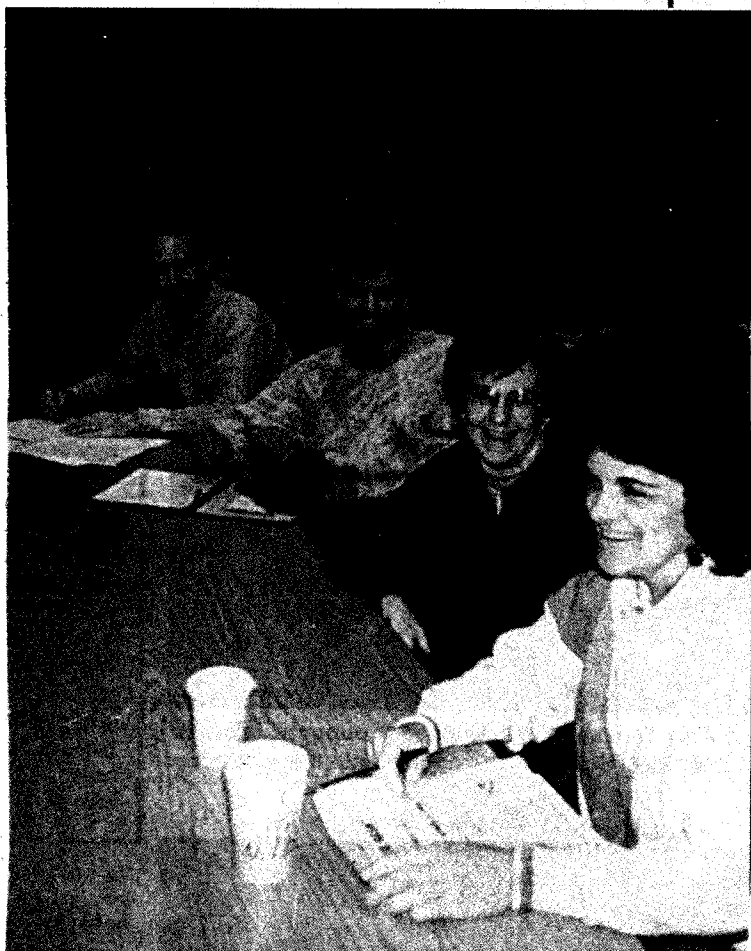
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Nostalgia Night research committee members enjoying their role in St. Dom's 50th anniversary celebration are Louise Marquis, Cleo Rou-

leau, Lou Sutton, Nicole Rodrigue, and Nancy Mennealy.

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Greg Gilbert, Paul Landry, Jackie Mailhot and Dot Samson are members of a fundraising committee which held a successful bingo marathon.

—“Veritas Vitae ... truth in our lives” —



Yvon Lebel '45 and Helen Dam '49 are class agents working on the anniversary plans.


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 tors and people supplied the water and sun-
 shine, God gave the increase, the blossoming
 forth and the marvelous fruits."*

— Fr. Herve Drouin



This week Rita Dube and Sue Duchette are still smiling, despite the "organized chaos" as the preparations countdown begins for the school's 50th anniversary celebration this weekend.

The message above was that of St. Dominic founder, the late Father Herve Drouin. Fr. Drouin's picture on the wall of the development office is an ever present reminder of the man and his work.



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Saints Peter and Paul Church was filled for the special Mass of thanksgiving.

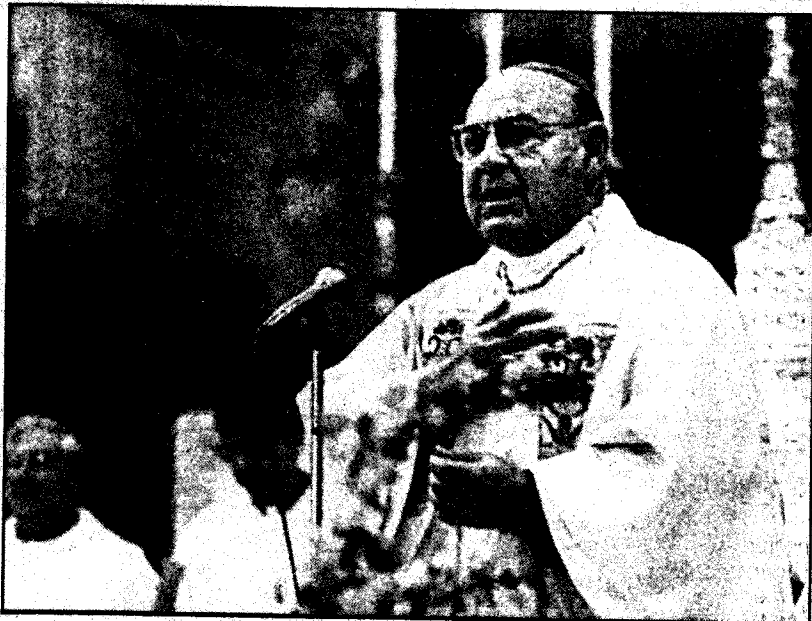
Golden year:

St. Dom's celebrates 50th

A highlight of a weekend of activities in celebration of the golden anniversary of St. Dominic Regional High School was a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saints Peter and Paul Church Sunday. Hundreds of people attended the service. The weekend also featured a golf tournament, a banquet, a shopping spree and "nostalgia night."



Robert Baillargeon of the Class of 1945 listens to Mass.



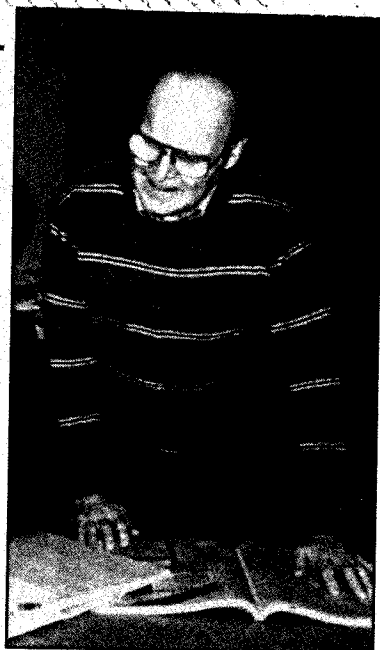
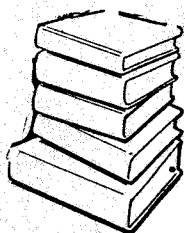
Bishop Amedee Proulx delivers Sunday's homily.



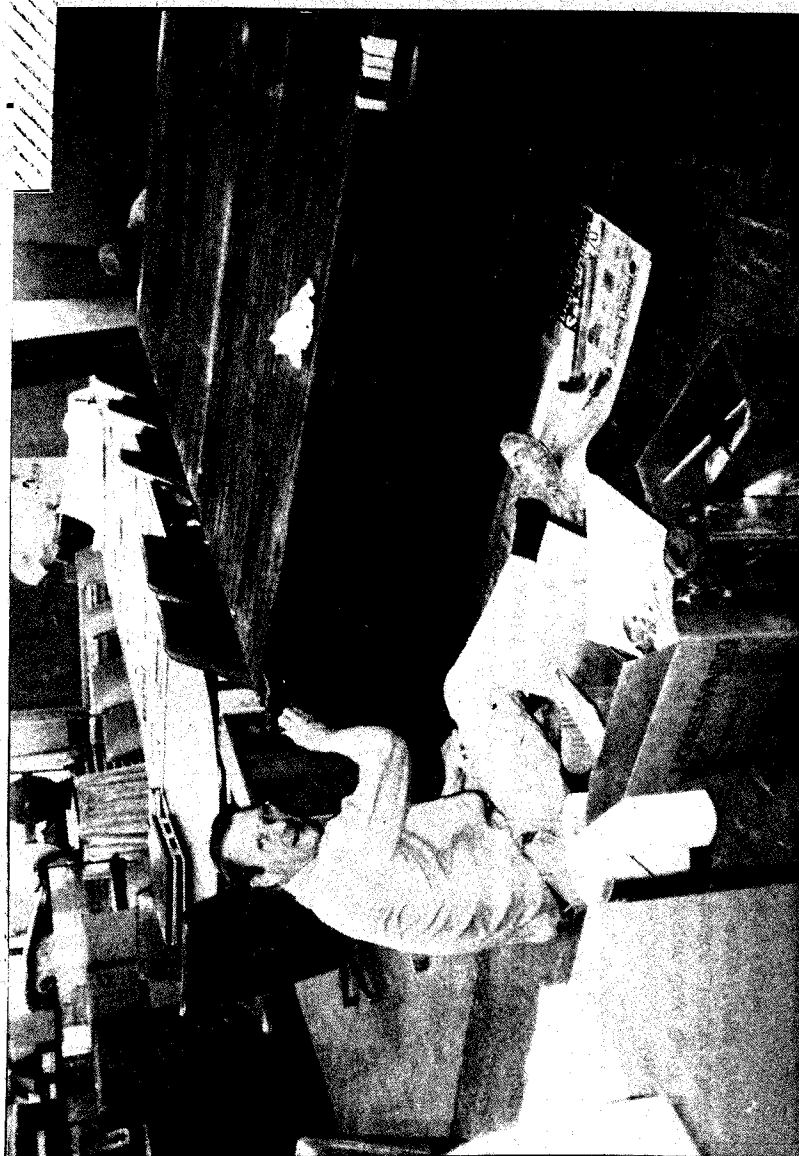
Roger Gosselin and Laurette Gosselin, looking sporty in fashions from Porteous.



Michelle Poulin and Brother Mark Hilton modeled evening wear from Formal Image.



Chairman Roger Gosselin, St. Dominic RHS '52, volunteered his time and talents to organize a special weekend of activities and events. One of the duties has been to take reservations for the banquet. Response has been "amazing" he said, especially among the older alumni. Mr. Gosselin and development Council alumni chairperson Cecile Ouellette Mathieu '57 have been working together, along with class agents, to make this a special and nostalgic occasion for all.



Lionel Charest, one of many St. Dom grads working on the celebration, is refining the trophy case.



Ann-Marie Gagnon and the choir sing while Jeffrey Pelletier plays the flute as St. Dom's celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Old memories stir at St. Dom's 50th

By **STEPHANIE DUEGER**
Sunday Staff Writer

LEWISTON — Memories and the merits of a Catholic education seemed most on the minds of those celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of St. Dominic Regional High School Saturday night.

Nearly 500 alumni and friends attended the "Nostalgia Night" celebration held at St. Peter's Hall, where various displays of class photos from the 1940s to the 1990s and other memorabilia prompted many fond thoughts of years ago.

As alumni mingled with former classmates, the St. Dom's high school band played tunes from today and yesterday in a balcony above the hall and a banquet feast of endless foods was spread over numerous tables in the basement.

Several of the night's visitors were from St. Dom's first class, the class of '45. One was Yvon Lebel, who said St. Dom's doesn't look anything like it did in the early 1940s.

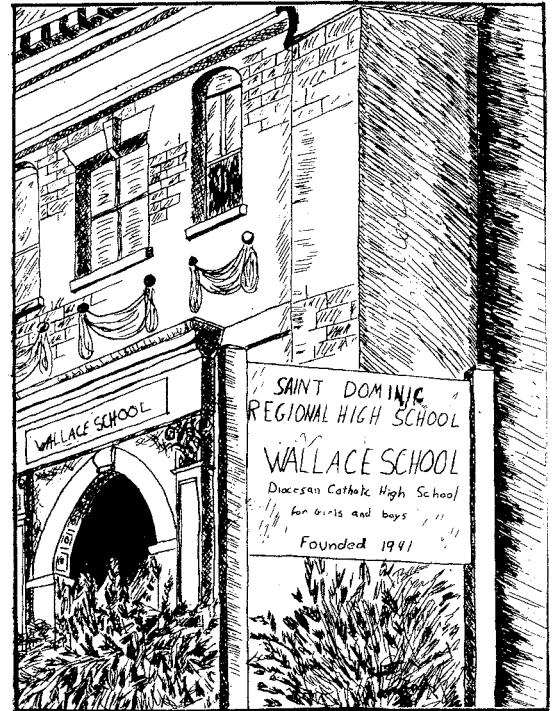
"There were so few people back then," said Lebel. "We didn't even have desks; we sat at tables like these," he said, pointing to the buffet setup.

Another guest of the class of '45 was Bob Binette, who came all the way from Florida to join in the celebration.

"There are one or two classmates here I haven't seen since graduation," said Binette. "It's delightful."

He explained that although there were 57 in the class, only 20 graduated. The rest were involved in World War II already.

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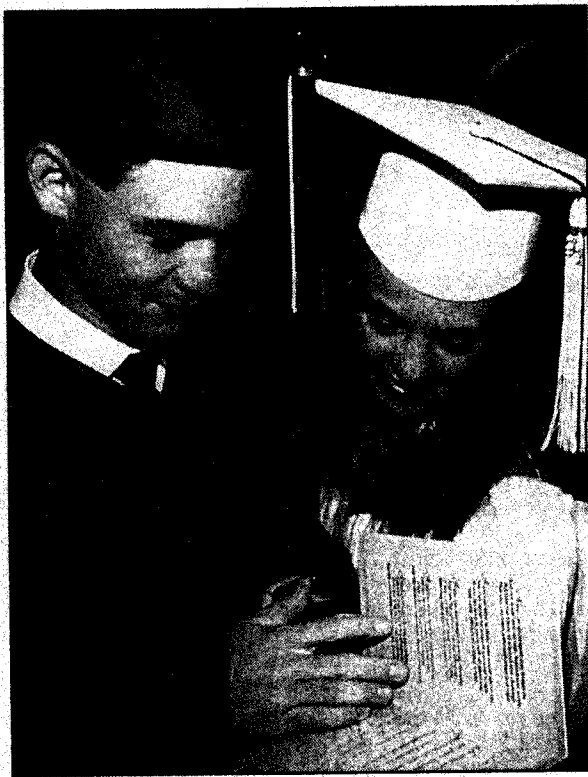


Norm Roy, seated left, Charles Gosselin, center, and Ben Carbonneau, all members of St. Dom's class of '46, renew acquaintance

RUSS DILLINGHAM/Sunday photos



Express Fashions and The Gap provided these spring clothes for models Jayne Jacques, Tom Fortier, and Jamie Ledoux.



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Lorrie J. Marquis, right, shows off her diploma. Top, Jeffrey Rioux adjusts his tassel prior to the ceremony. Above, Scott Landry and Angela Morin look at a congratulation card Morin's father gave Landry.



St. Dom's graduates urged to better the world

Graduation Mass opens St. Dom commencement

June 1991

By STEPHANIE BOUCHARD
St. Dom staff

At most high schools, graduation is the biggest event of the school season. At St. Dom's, graduation occurs earlier than others in the area. The graduation ceremonies began on Thursday, May 30th, with a Mass.

Graduation Mass this year was held at Holy Cross Parish in Lewiston, celebrated by Father Bob Vaillancourt. Father Bob is an alumnus from St. Dom's (Class of 1972), and is at present Director of Youth Ministry of the Diocese of Portland. He is soon to be transferred as pastor to St. Peter's Parish in East Millinocket.

Graduation Mass is well known as the more emotional event occurring during the graduation ceremonies. A responsorial psalm was sung by graduate Angela Morin, and teachers Miss Jo Jarsanskis and Mrs. Celeste Philippon.

Father Bob's moving homily began with jokes and laughter. He reflected that the St. Dom's community taught its students respect for each other and for oneself. Father Bob connected his reflections to the readings of the service by addressing the subject of faithfulness. He quoted Mother Theresa saying that "faithfulness, not success" is what is most important — "Faithfulness meaning not only to God, but also to oneself and ones loved ones." His conclusion began with his hope that the graduates could be good news to others.

To illustrate his point of supporting those around us, he read a children's book entitled "Love You Forever" by Canadian author Robert Munsch. The story tells of a mother's continuous love for her son. The reader follows the pair throughout the child's childhood into mid-adulthood. The theme

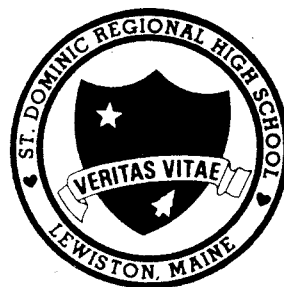
of the tale recurs throughout in the lullaby the mother always sings to her son: "I'll love you forever, I'll like you for always, as long as I'm living, my baby you'll be." Creating a circle, the story ends with her son singing the same lullaby to his ailing mother and his newborn daughter. The audience was audibly moved.

For many the sniffing had just begun. What followed as the meditation after communion is, for most, the event that is more emotional than even the commencement on the following evening. The meditation is dedicated to the parents of the graduating seniors. Graduate Jamie Dufour began with a thank you to parents for all their support, love, and dedication.

Following this presentation, the graduates presented their parents with red roses. Hugs, "I love you's," and tears were shared. Once all the graduates returned to their places, principal Brother Mark Hilton, and vice principal Mrs. Diane Mooney recognized Mr. and Mrs. Ouellette for graduating their last child out of seven. Their son Jim is their sixth child to graduate from St. Dom's.

After the Mass ended, graduates, teachers and faculty gathered together at the Harvest House in Lisbon for the senior banquet where "roasts" highlighted the evening; one by students to teachers and faculty, and the second by teachers to students. The banquet ended with a dance.

Friday, May 31st was the big day — graduation. Nervous seniors marched in to "Pomp and Circumstance." They and their family and friends were welcomed by Mistress of Ceremonies, Lisa Albert. This final commencement ceremony is brief and formal. Awards for perfect attendance, class subjects, and for school spirit and involvement were given between the salutorian's (David Guay)



St. Dom seniors and their well wishers filled the armory in the first local graduation exercises of the season. The usual hugs, back slaps, and tears followed the presentation of diplomas.

speech and that of the valedictorian's (Michael Crafts). The commencement ceremony concluded with a brief speech by Bishop of Portland, the Most Reverend Joseph Gerry.

In the first Project Graduation at St. Dom, the graduates spent a final evening together at the Augusta Raquet Ball Club. The evening was filled with

activity, ranging from raquetball, tennis, walleyball, to casino games and dancing. The activities at the club concluded with a raffle. Because of the numerous donations received and the small number of seniors, every member present won a prize. Three large prizes were also awarded to three lucky winners.

The celebration came to a close with breakfast at 6:30 in the morning at Holy Cross Church in Lewiston. Another class had finally made the final leap from the gray halls of the brick buildings housing the community of St. Dominic Regional High School.

In the words of Billy Joel, "And so it goes..."



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Geneva Kirk Award presented

Pat Lemaire, left, president of the Lewiston Education Association, presents the Geneva Kirk Award to this year's recipient, Ruth Leahey, a retired kindergarten

teacher at Montello School in Lewiston. The award is for exemplary service in the teaching community.



Wellness walk is fund-raiser

Lewiston Junior High School's Wellness Team conducted its spring Wellness Walk for the American Heart Association. Several students and staff members who completed the two-mile distance are, from left, Monica Carney, Michel Courchesne, Chris Glass, Simonne Paul, Chris Bickford, Danielle Smith,

Becky Ouellette, Linda Barrington, Cindy Gorey, Debbie Beauchesne, Angela Ducharme and Andrea Potvin. A similar walk was held last fall and students made a contribution from their activity fund to support the work of the AHA.

By DAVID DUBE

St. Dom staff

On the weekend of April 5th, 6th and 7th the St. Dominic Regional High School Key Club sent 11 members to the annual New England District Convention in Springfield, Mass. They were among 1027 high school students representing 147 Key Clubs in New England.

St. Dom's served as co-host of the convention with Longmeadow Key Club in Longmeadow, Mass. The club took home eight awards while competing in its new division against schools of 3,000 and 5,000 students. The division is determined by number of club members. When St. Dom membership reached over 60 they advanced to the larger division.

The weekend started with a bang with the opening General Session on Friday night. The evening contained inspirational speeches by Kiwanis Governor Francis Zullo and Circle K Governor Shari Roppo. The highlight of the session was the Keynote address given by former International Key Club Secretary Mr. Bill Auerswald.

State caucuses for those people wishing to gain district office in the upcoming year concluded the evening activities.

Saturday found all the Key Clubs busy with plenty of panels to attend, ranging from K-Family relations to Questions and Answers on Key Club. In the afternoon there were another set of state caucuses, followed by the Talent Show and Awards presentation that night.

St. Dom's took awards in Membership Development (third) which was based on the percentage of increase over last year's membership; Scrapbook (second); Local Publica-

tions (third); single service (first) for the most outstanding project the club did during the year; Yearly Achievement (third); Outstanding Secretary (Charlie Landry); and Outstanding Treasurer (Pete Bilodeau).

The Awards Night concluded with the District Project presentation. The project was the Kiwanis Pediatric Trama Institute in Boston. The goal was to raise \$41,340 and after the checks had been presented the district had raised \$41,430. St. Dom's gave \$500 towards the project.

After the Awards Ceremony St. Dom's hosted the Governor's Ball, making sure that everyone was in proper dress and followed the rules of the convention.

On Sunday it was time to bid farewell to the old district board and to induct a new one. Governor Mike Hall of Cheverus High School delivered his farewell address and the old board was retired.

St. Dom's members Ben Lampron and David Dube were retired from their respective positions of Lieutenant Governor and Assistant District Project Chair.

Immediately following the results of the morning elections were revealed; Sarah Isaacson, Yankey Editor; Rosalind Morrville, District Treasurer; Nicole LaPierre, District Secretary; Jaime Bruno winning District Governor.

Members attending the convention were; Pete Bilodeau (treasurer), Marc Lepage (vice-president), Scott Goselin (president), David Dube (Asst. Project Chair), Ben Lampron (Lt. Gov. 23B), Matt Richard, Steve Morin, Andrew Marquis, Celeste Duchette, Amy Barriault, and Br. Paul Lauze.

As always, the convention was fun and very informational for all who attended.

AT THE GOVERNOR'S FAREWELL LUNCHEON



David Dube



Ben Lampron

Leavitt senior earns OM scholarship



Jeff Croteau, a senior at Leavitt Area High School and veteran of Odyssey of the Mind competition, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship made available by Honda Motor Company. The award was announced by the OM scholarship committee, who made 36 selections from a field of 160 applicants.

From a student involvement of 250,000 in 1987, Odyssey of the Mind has doubled this year with a half million students participating.

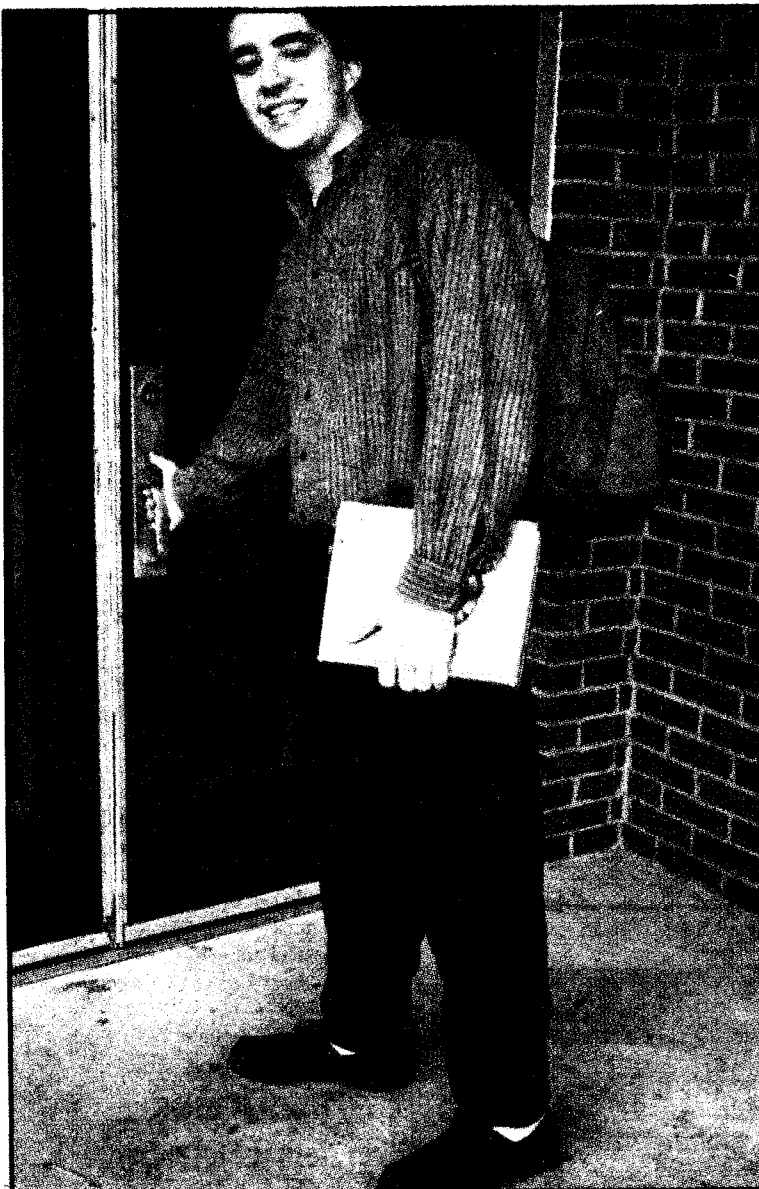
Scholarships are awarded to outstanding members of Odyssey of the Mind teams who have demonstrated exceptional creative problem solving ability, a strong academic record, special talents, SAT scores and class standing as well as written recommendations of OM coach and high school principal and the student's own statements as part of the application process.

He is the fourth OM scholarship recipient at Leavitt, which began its OM participation seven years ago, following Jeff Souza '86 and '87; Carolyn Bachelder, '86; and Maeghan Maloney, '90.

Jeff has competed on OM teams since the sixth grade and will be headed for Knoxville, Tenn., site of the 1991 World Finals on May 23-25. This will be his fourth consecutive trip as representing the State of Maine in the Division III (grades 9-12) balsa structure problem.

Jeff has been the chief structure builder on the Leavitt teams that have been honored in both state and world competitions for both excellence and creativity. His structures were in the top ten at world competition in both '89 and '90 where Leavitt finished 4th and 7th respectively, among 50 teams representing states, provinces and other nations. The team's goal this year is to finish in the top three at world competition.

Jeff wants to be a doctor and will embark on a premedical course of study. The scholarship may be used at any college or university. He has narrowed his college choices to Boston College and the University of Vermont. He is the son of Richard and Joyce Croteau of Turner.

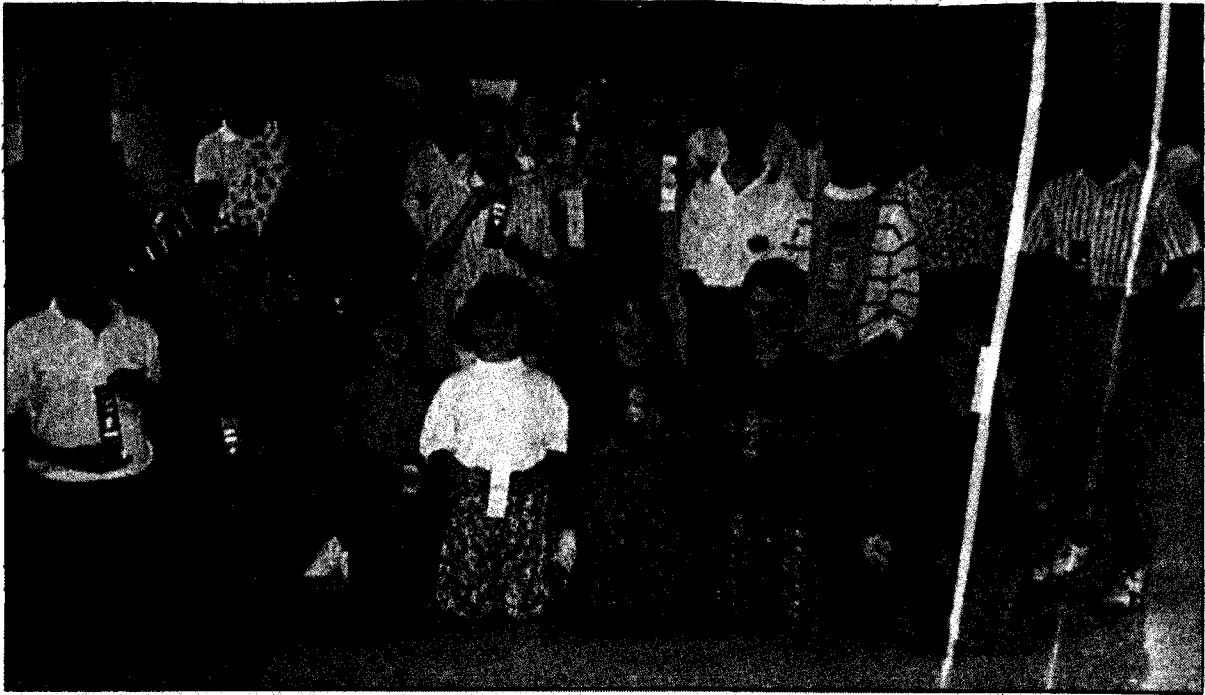


Jeff Croteau ready for another busy day at Leavitt



Members of the Androscoggin County legislative delegation met with several Tambrands Inc. employees recently to express their concern about workers compensation costs. Pictured here, from left, are Rep.

John Nutting, D-Leeds, Kay Saucier, Ray Lincoln, Rep. Connie Cote, D-Auburn, Sen. John Cleveland, D-Auburn, Bob Latlippe Sr. and JoAnn Cleary.



Science fair winners

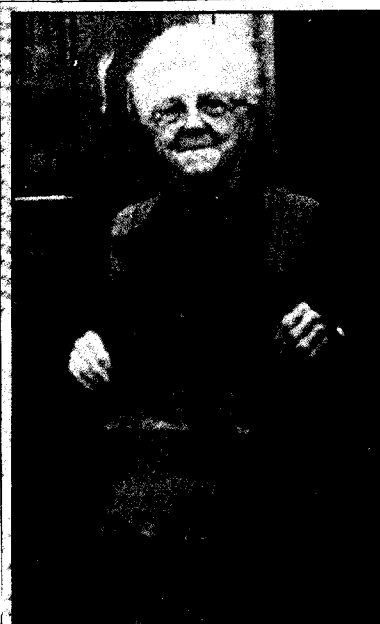
Students at St. Peter's School recently held a science fair. Children in kindergarten through third grade were involved in class projects and those in grades four through eight did individual projects. The winners were, from left, kneeling, Ben Rocheleau, Shawn Potvin, Laurie Langlais, Nichole Veilleux, Jessica Fontaine, Jason Cloutier and Erik Giguere; second row, Julie Raymond, Joshua Lacasse,

Ryan Olson, John St. Denis, Tim Saucier, Lynn Thibault and Michael Pleau; third row, Alex Perreault, Todd Desjardins, David Langelier, Justin Spencer, Marc Tremblay, Jada Caron, Marc Thibault, Jim Fance, Derek Castonguay, Brian Lacasse, Brian Poulin, Jessica Robert, Andi Gemme and Courtney Dostie.



Top orators

Two eighth-graders at Holy Cross School in Lewiston were tops in the school's civic oration competition. Sarah Roy, left, took first place and Deneka Fortier, right, was first runner-up. Both girls went on to the district competition, where Roy placed third.



Unusual reminder

Blanche Caron of 33 Ninth St., Auburn, who is celebrating her 84th birthday on Sunday, holds a calendar from the year she was born, 1907. This was given to her many years ago by an aunt, Exilia Roberge, and has been carefully preserved. For many years, Mrs. Caron lived on the Pownal Road, Auburn, before moving to Ninth Street. She was employed as a stitcher by Bates Manufacturing Co. and later in the shoe industry, prior to her retirement.



Champion twirlers

Two local young ladies, Kristen Morin, left, and Darcie Labrecque, won grand champion titles recently at the United States Twirling Association sanctioned New England combined states championship held in Waterboro. Morin, daughter of Ronald and Donna Morin of Greene, won the Maine two-baton grand championship, placed first in senior state two-baton and senior state strut and third in advanced two-baton, intermediate strut and presentation. Labrecque, daughter of Paul and Jackie Labrecque of Lewiston, won the Maine strut grand championship and placed first in collegiate state strut and dance twirl, intermediate dance twirl, beginner and intermediate strut and second place in collegiate state solo. Other students placing in the competition were Brianne Dufour, Jessica Dufour, Ashley Bedard, Kim Bedard, Stephanie Pepin, Demarie Gurney, Dawn Miller, Tammy Doyon, Erica Emond, Jessica Lemieux, Erin Allen, Mary Carpenter, Chris Barcelou and Michelle Fec-teau.

Ready to dance

Students of Lois Camire will present their annual dance recital this weekend with more than 300 students appearing in four separate productions, scheduled for 2 and 7 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday at Great Falls School on Academy Street, Auburn. Among those performing in the 2 p.m. per-

formance Saturday are, from left, front row, Ellen Penley, Jodi Bellemare, Hilary Walker and Jessica Godin; center row, Abbie Luttrell, Lisa Bracken, Kasey Gagnon and Elizabeth Potvin; back row, Sierra Mallett, Katie Peterson, Jennifer Therrien, Amy Ol-fene and Michelle Simard.





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Melissa Coulombe, center, Tuesday was named the first recipient of the Alfred A. Plourde Memorial Scholarship. Presenting the Lewiston High School student with the \$500 award were City Council President Normand Poulin and Janice Plourde, widow of the former mayor after whom the scholarship is named. Plourde's "lifelong efforts as an employee and mayor of Lewiston resulted in a better place . . . to live and work," Poulin said. "Above all he was a true believer in education."



Pat Croteau is surrounded by some of the children attending St. Peter's School Day Care. They include, clockwise from top, Lucille Scheppers, Wesley Stover, Jessica Stover, Jennifer Griffin, and Nacole Stover.

JOSE LEIVA/Sunday photographer



Scholarship presentation

Seven area high school students have been presented scholarships from the Lewiston-Auburn Jaycees. Participating in the presentation were, from left, seated, Kim Duplissis, Edward Little High School; Christine Berube, Lewiston High School; Natalie Dunn, Edward Little High School; standing, Jim Ouellette and Keith Samson, both St. Dominic Regional High School; Jim Parker, Jaycee president; Paula Fortin, project chairperson; Alan Ramey, Jaycee family scholarship recipient; and Stacy Gregoire, Lewiston High School.



KATHY SNOW/Sun-Journal

Diane St. Laurent, pediatric head nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, shows McMahon School sixth-graders 'Ellie,' a teaching doll used at the Lewiston medical

facility. McMahon School students and Sisters of Charity Health Care Systems staff got together career day program at the school Tuesday.



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Judith Murphy, Androscoggin County register of probate, left, and Jeannine Bergeron, register of probate, on Wednesday night challenged the commission's recent order for a daily accounting of funds.

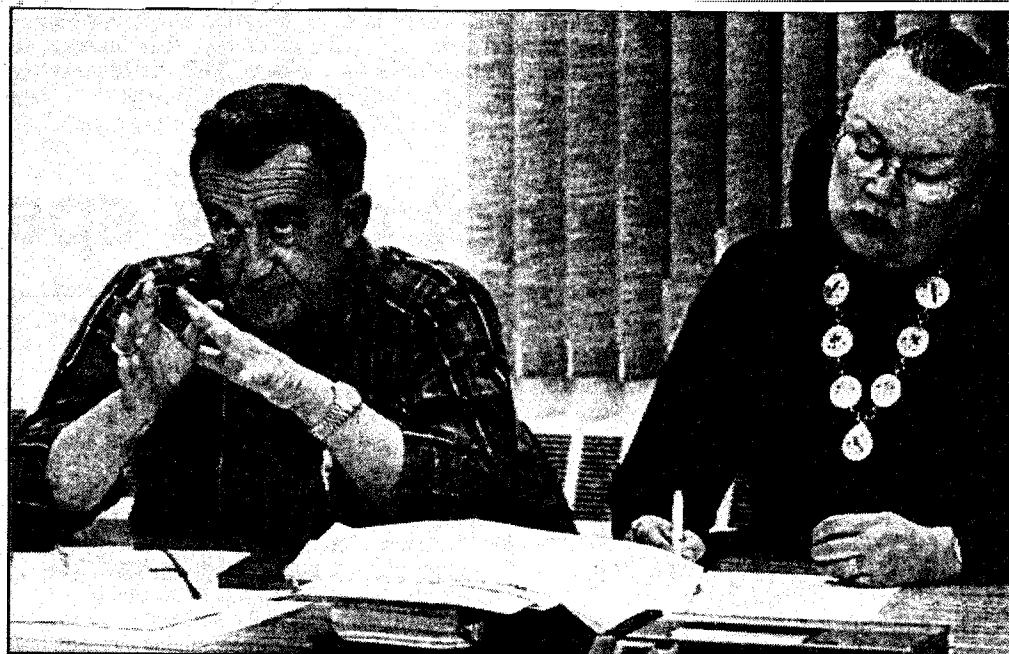


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Rotary tree

The recently formed Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club received the gift of a birch tree from the Saco Rotary Club at its meeting last week in honor of National Rotary Plant-a-Tree Day. Members of the

Auburn-Lewiston Rotary Breakfast Club planted the sapling at the Auburn end of the Veterans Memorial Bridge. From left, they are Ernie Gagne, Chris Paradis, Mickey Philbrook and Frank Bell.



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Androscoggin County Commissioner Henry Bernier, left, and the commission's chairwoman, Carol S. Boyce, voted to seek legal counsel concerning the complaints about financial procedures.



KATHY SNOW/Sun-Journal

Bookmark winners

Randy LeBlond, right, first place winner in the 11-year-old's category and Scott Morency, first place winner in the 8-year-old's category, display their win-

ning recycling bookmarks as Joe Rodgers, general manager of Waste Management Services, looks on. The contest was held at Lewiston Public Library.

Camp-bound kids

Ricky Fongemie and Stephanie Besse, of Lewiston, and Nathan Legare, right, of Brunswick have been selected by members of the Dr. Paul Fortier Court 52, Association Canado-Americaine to receive full tuition at the 1991 ACA summer camp program. Fongemie and Bosse, who are 12, will spend a week at camp in New Hampshire, followed by a second week in St. Augustin, Québec. Legare, 11, will spend a week in New Hampshire. The ACA is a fraternal benefit society founded in 1896.



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Country Western Day

Residents and staff at Marshwood Nursing Care Center, Roger Avenue, Lewiston, recently participated in festivities at a Country Western Day. A western lunch was prepared for residents followed by an afternoon of country western music and dancing. Staff members dressed for the occasion are, from left, front row, Patty Laplante, Ed Libby (with

saddle) and Jeri Minoty; middle row, Richard Desjardins, Thelma Alexander, Lucille Gendron, Anna Camire and Roberta Bragg; back row, Jackie Deshaies, Heidi Morin, Darrell Hamby, Tammy St. Pierre, Gary Lessard, Leo Camire, Anne Raymond and Darla Tabor.



Fishing derby winners

Above are the winners of the annual Auburn Fishing Derby held recently at the Auburn Municipal Beach. At left is Jeremy Meservy, 11, of Taywood Road, Auburn, who received a trophy for catching the first fish, a yellow perch measuring over a foot. At right is Aaron Ouellette, 13, of Oak Hill Road, Auburn, who caught the largest fish, a 15½-inch pickerel. Although the brook trout didn't cooperate, there were plenty of other fish to be caught.

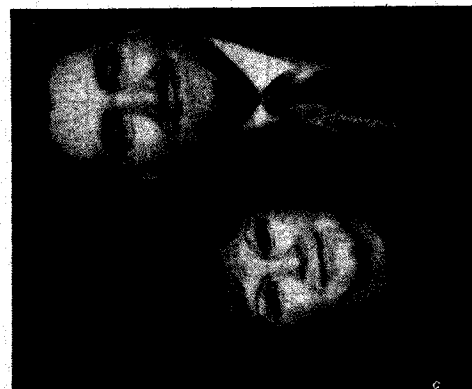
Silver anniversary is celebrated

LEWISTON — Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Poulin of 236 Old Greene Road celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at a surprise party held recently at the Sons of Italy Hall.

The affair, attended by more than 100 relatives and friends, was arranged by their daughters and son-in-law, Deborah and Tim Pomerleau, Laurie, Julie and Joyce Poulin.

The couple were married June 11, 1966, at St. Patrick's Church. They are the owners of Downeast Financial Group; he is a certified financial planner and stockbroker and she is a real estate broker with the firm. The Poulins are active parishioners of Holy Family Church, Lewiston.

Besides their four daughters,



Elaine and Michael Poulin

they have two granddaughters, Jessica and Michelle Pomerleau.



50th anniversary activities

Plans and preparations are in full swing for St. Dominic Regional High School's 50th anniversary celebration, taking place Memorial Day weekend, May 25 and 26. Working on the overall arrangements are Rita Dube, left, of the school's Development Office, and Roger Gosselin, who is chairperson. Plans for Saturday are a golf tournament at Fairlawn golf course and a shopping spree in Freeport during the day, and at 7 p.m. Nostalgia Night will take place at St. Peter's school hall with a program presented by the Family Theater group. On Sunday a Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated at 12:30 p.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Church and at 5:30 p.m. at Ramada Inn there will be a social hour, followed by dinner and dancing. Anyone wanting additional information or to make reservations may contact Dube at 783-0000 or Gosselin at 782-0371.



Brandi Perreault

Auburn teen-ager wins title

AUGUSTA — Brandi Perreault, daughter of Darlene and Randy Perreault Sr. of 215 Summer St., Auburn, became Maine's Miss Junior Teen of Portland at the conclusion of pageant activities held May 25 at Cony High School.

She received a crown and banner and was also selected Miss Congeniality, for which she received a three-foot high trophy.

The pageant included appearances in sportswear and evening gown, plus a personal interview. She will represent Maine in the national "Cities of America" pageant, scheduled for January, 1992, in Orlando, Fla. Perreault's hobbies are horseback riding, field hockey and running.

Another Auburn girl, Amanda Cote, daughter of Maurice and Brandon Cote, was first runner-up.

Both girls are freshmen at Walton School, Auburn.

Former Lewiston teacher to head order of brothers

WOONSOCKET, R.I. — Brother Roland Ouellette, presently superior of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket, R.I., was recently elected provincial superior of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of New England. He replaces Brother Leo Labbe, who has served as provincial for the past six years.

Ouellette, who made first profession as a brother in 1962, began his teaching career in 1963 at St. Peter's School in Lewiston, where he stayed until 1971. He then held a number of leadership positions among the brothers.

Ouellette was born in St. Agatha, the son of the late Joseph G. and Annie (Gagnon) Ouellette. He graduated from Madawaska High School in Madawaska in 1960 and then entered the Brothers of the Sacred Heart in Pomfret Center in Connecticut shortly thereafter. He made his perpetual profession in 1968.

Also recently elected as provincial councilors for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart of New England are two former principals at St. Dominic Regional High School, Lewiston.

Elected first councilor is Brother Robert Croteau, presently principal

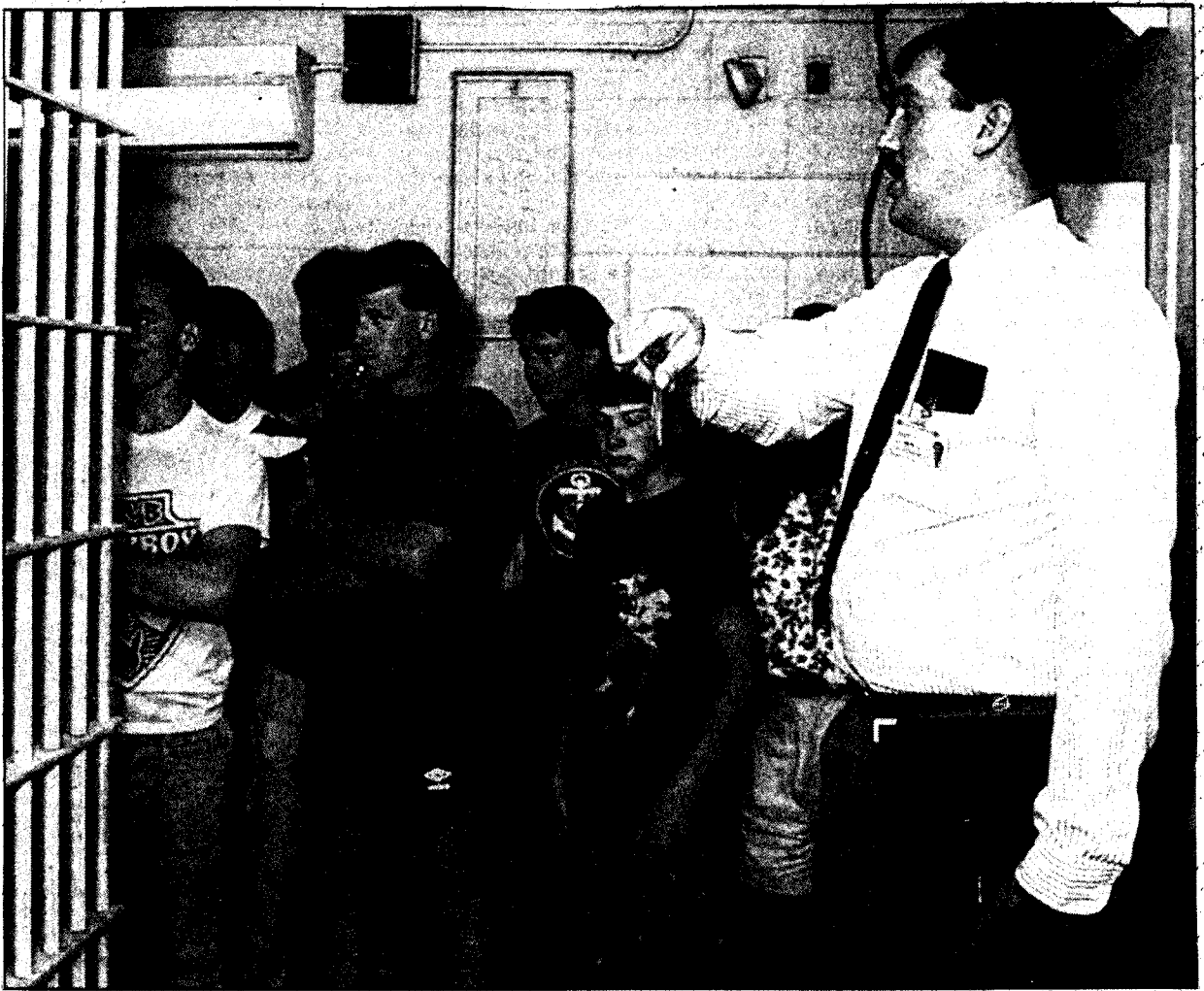


Brother Roland Ouellette

at Mount Saint Charles Academy in Woonsocket, R.I., who will serve as president at the academy next year.

Brother Clifford King, vice principal at Mount Saint Charles this school year, was elected third councilor. Next year, he will assume the position of principal at Mount Saint Charles.

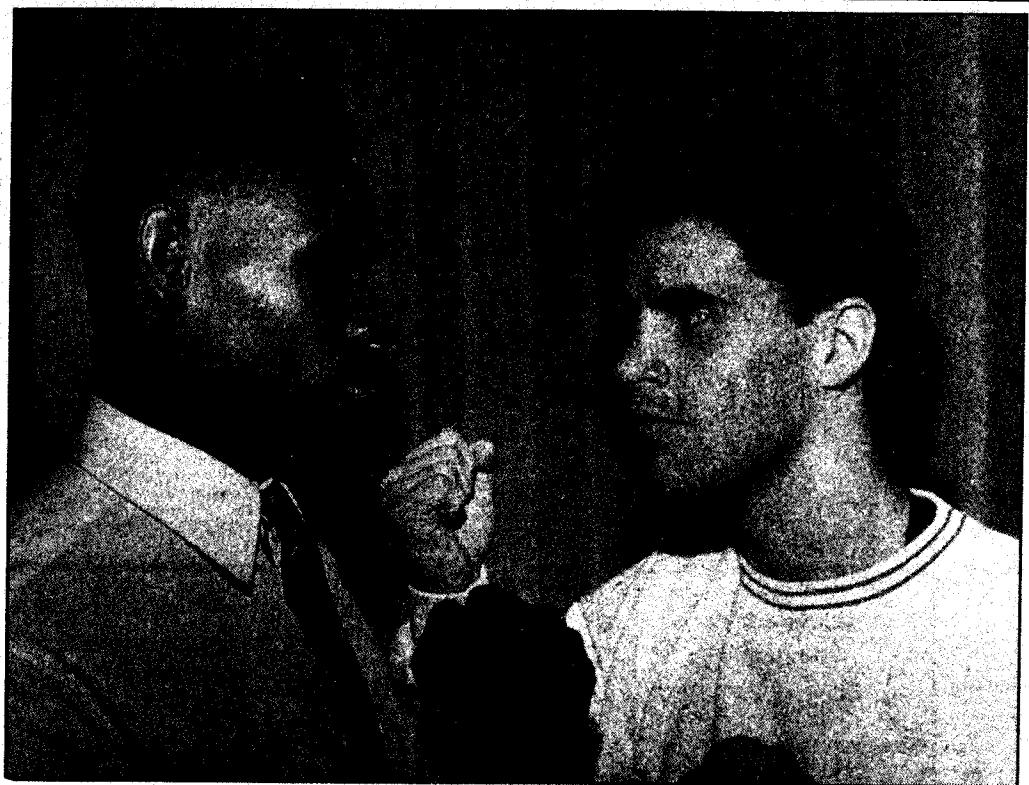
All of the above appointments become effective on June 15.



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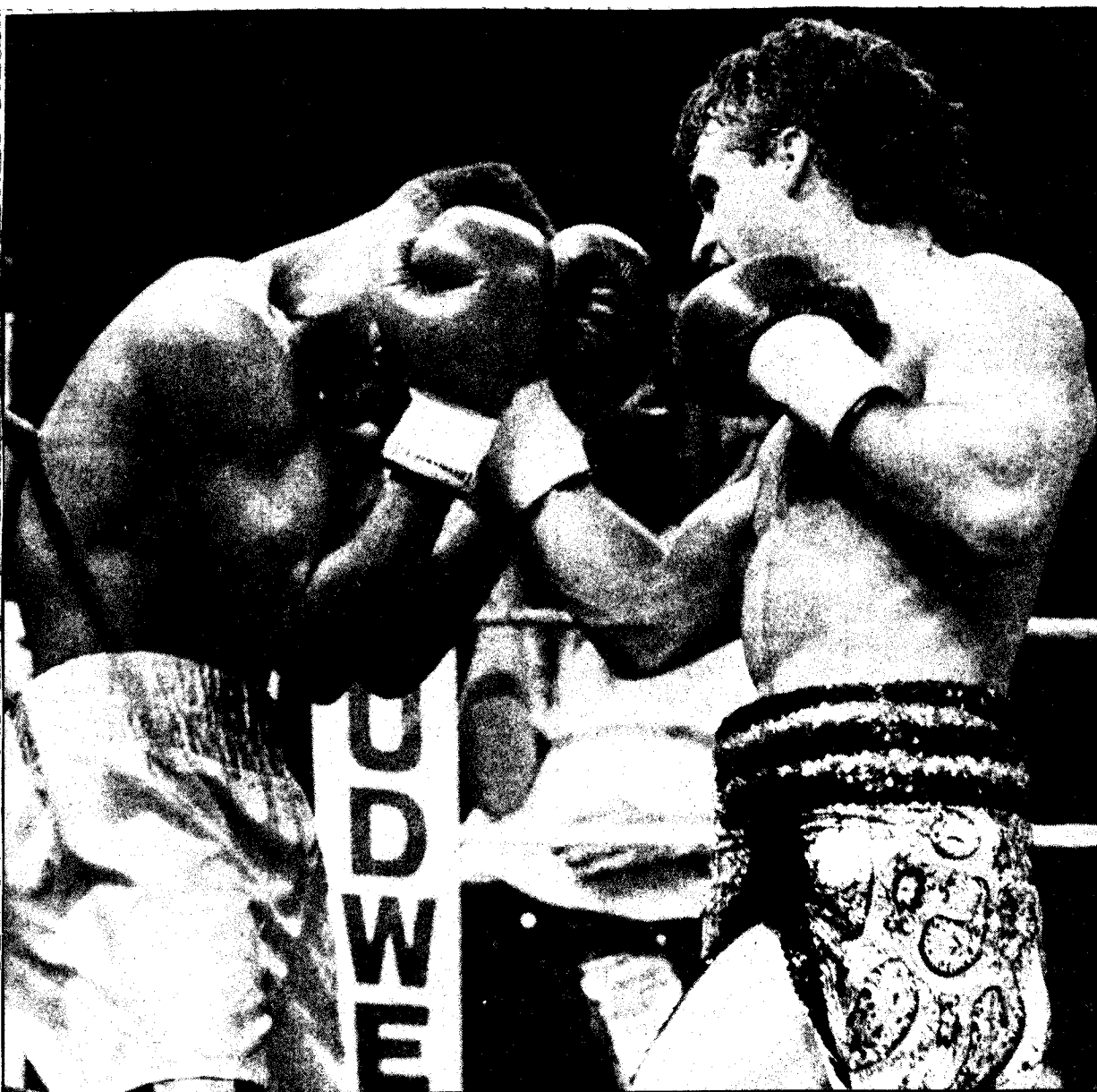
Androscoggin County Jail administrator Capt. John Lebel takes a group of Explorers on a tour of the jail

facilities. The group is for young people interested in careers in law enforcement.



RUSS DILLINGHAM/Sun-Journal

Verdell Smith, left, and Joey Gamache, right, meet tonight in a 10-round junior welterweight bout at the Central Maine Civic Center in Lewiston.



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Joey Gamache remained unbeaten with a sixth-round TKO over Verdell Smith on Friday night in a junior

welterweight bout at the Central Maine Civic Center in Lewiston.

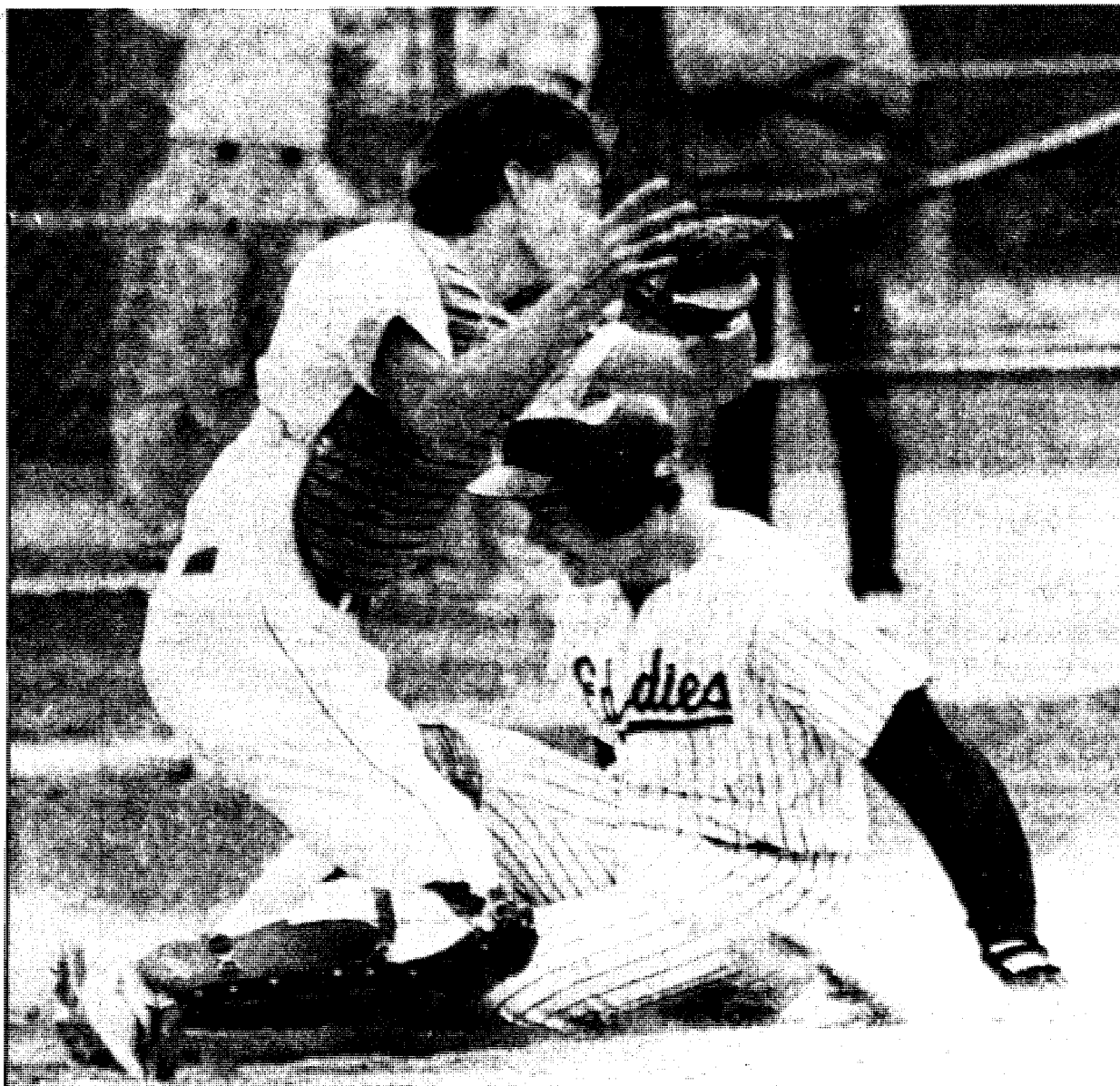


JAIME MILLHIME PHOTO

Edward Little's principal Larry LaBrie was given a conquering hero's welcome on his return from Florida where he recieved the presti-

gious Administrator's Award, presented to him by the Kennedy Center for the Arts.

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Edward Little's John Morin slides safely into home just ahead of the tag by Lewiston catcher Dennis St. Hilaire in the second inning of Tuesday's Southern Maine

Activities Association baseball game at Pettengill Park. Morin scored on a sacrifice fly by Pat Dumais, but EL lost to the Blue Devils, 9-2.

RUSS DILLINGHAM/Sun-Journal

Golden anniversary observed

LEWISTON — Mr. and Mrs. Emile Caron of 92 Shawmut St., Lewiston, were the honored guests at a surprise dinner party commemorating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Hosts for the party, which was held at The Cascades restaurant in Saco, were their sons, Henry and Richard. Father Bouvier gave the blessing before dinner and toasts were made by their son Henry and her brother, Fern Gagnon.

About 30 family members and friends attended from the area, as well as Jay, Livermore Falls, Bangor, New Paltz, N.Y., and Radcliff, Ky.

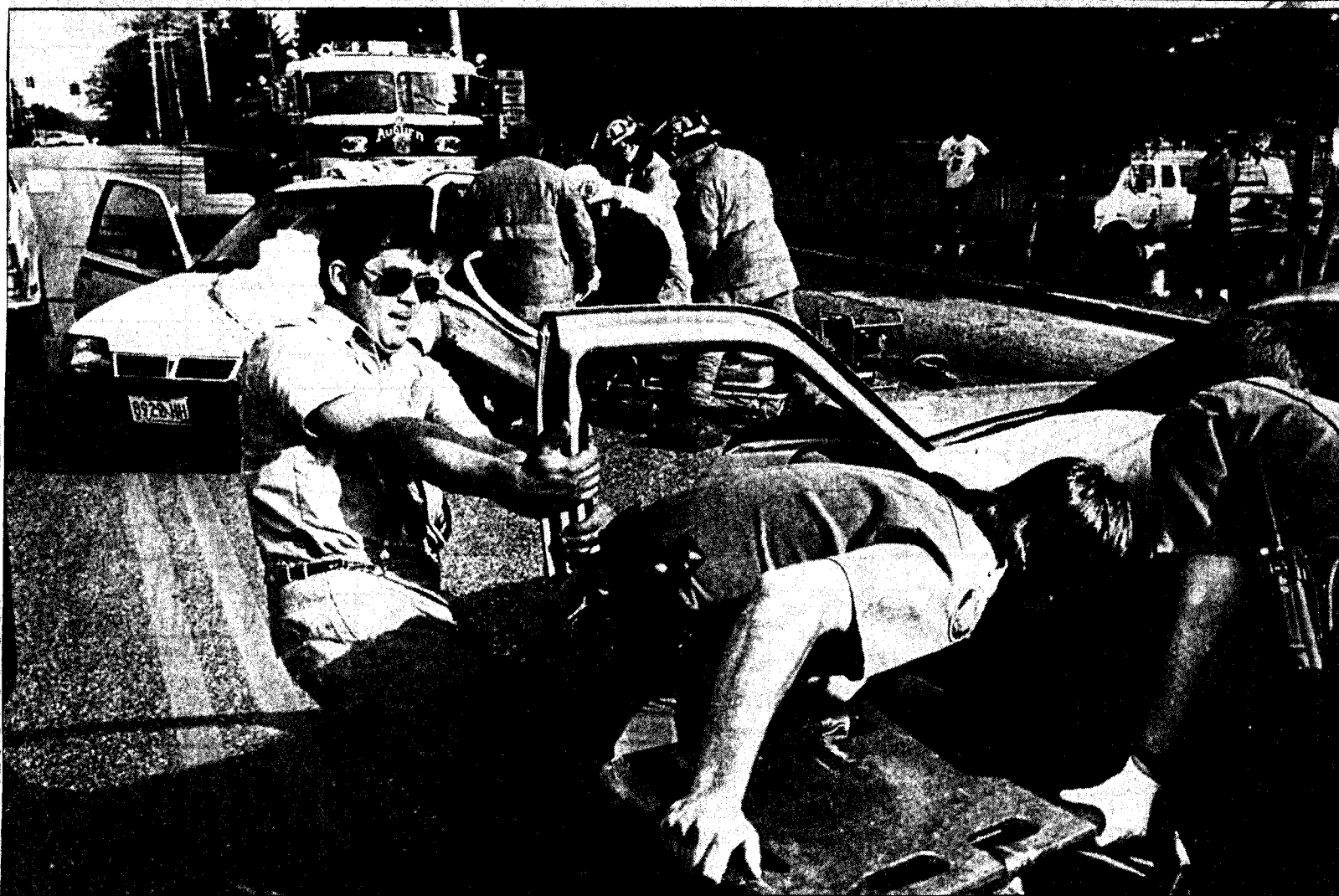
After dinner the guests went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Caron, where the 50th anniversary cake was served.

Caron and the former Leda Gagnon were married June 14, 1941, at



Emile and Leda Caron

Holy Cross Church in Lewiston. They have two grandchildren.



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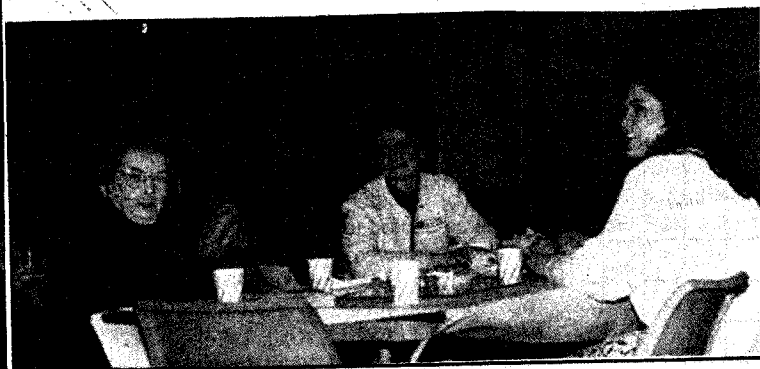
Three injured

Lewiston firefighter Gene Gregoire, left, helps rescue workers extract victims from cars which collided at Russell and Bardwell Streets Thursday. Police said Brenda Roy, 22, of 22 Hillsdale Lane, Lewiston, was eastbound on Russell Street in a 1988 Mercury at 5:05 p.m. when she collided in the intersection with a northbound 1988 Pontiac driven by

Theodore Coulombe, 21, of 437 Adams Hall, Bates College, who was attempting a left turn off Bardwell Street. Roy and her passenger Daniel Rucker-Staton, 26, of Lewiston, both suffered minor injuries. Coulombe suffered head injuries. Damage to his car was estimated at \$5,000; 1 Roy's at \$1,500.



A newborn lamb at the McKee farm on Peacock Hill Road



Mrs. Evelyn Poulin, Mrs. Claudette Reny, and Mrs. Faye Reny Paquet represented three generations of card players.

Noted Franco-American novelist gets UM honorary degree today

LINDA GALWAY
Journal Staff Writer

AUBURN — Described as one of the most successful and perceptive Franco-American novelists, the author of "Papa Martel" and "Apple of His Eye" will be awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree today in Orono.

Gerard Robichaud, 82, who grew up in Lewiston but spent 50 years of his life in New York City, was nominated for the award by C. Stewart Doty, professor of history.

"This is the first time the university has given an honorary degree to a Franco-American because he

wrote about Franco-Americans," Doty said.

Robichaud, who now lives in Auburn, said his two works are "novels of transition. In the '20s and '30s, Franco-American life was establishing certain patterns. There were three basic elements — religion, language and culture."

When it comes to the Franco-American culture, however, Robichaud quickly sums it up in one word — humor.

"They have a sense of laughter; they love to tell jokes, and they can tell them well," he said. "In other ways, though, many Franco-Americans are still living in an intellectual

'Petit Canada.'

"Many of the young Franco-Americans today are either indifferent to their basic Catholic faith or seeking something that isn't there," he continued, "so they join the Assemblies of God or the 'Brethren' churches."

Since returning to Maine two years ago, Robichaud said he has seen Franco-Americans become more entrenched in middle-class values.

"Many at one time aspired only to jobs in the mills," he noted, "but the second and third generations have gone to college and are a strong middle class."

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Gerard Robichaud

He said the most rewarding moment in his career took place in a New York City subway.

"I saw a cute little girl reading my book," he said. "I took out my identification card and showed it to her . . . then she talked to me."

Unfortunately, he said, his books, originally published by Doubleday, are no longer in print and available only at libraries, unless a stray copy makes its way to a garage sale.

"I'm a writer and I'm damn proud of that," said Robichaud, who at-

tended Columbia University. "I did study to become a priest, but I saw the light. A writer's main job is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable — that's an old quote!"

Denis Ledoux of Lisbon Falls, another Franco-American writer, re-

called the day in 1972 when he was living in Washington, D.C., and first read Robichaud's work.

"I was at the library and, with my arms full of books, I walked by the 'You Ought to Read' section and there was 'Papa Martel,'" he said.

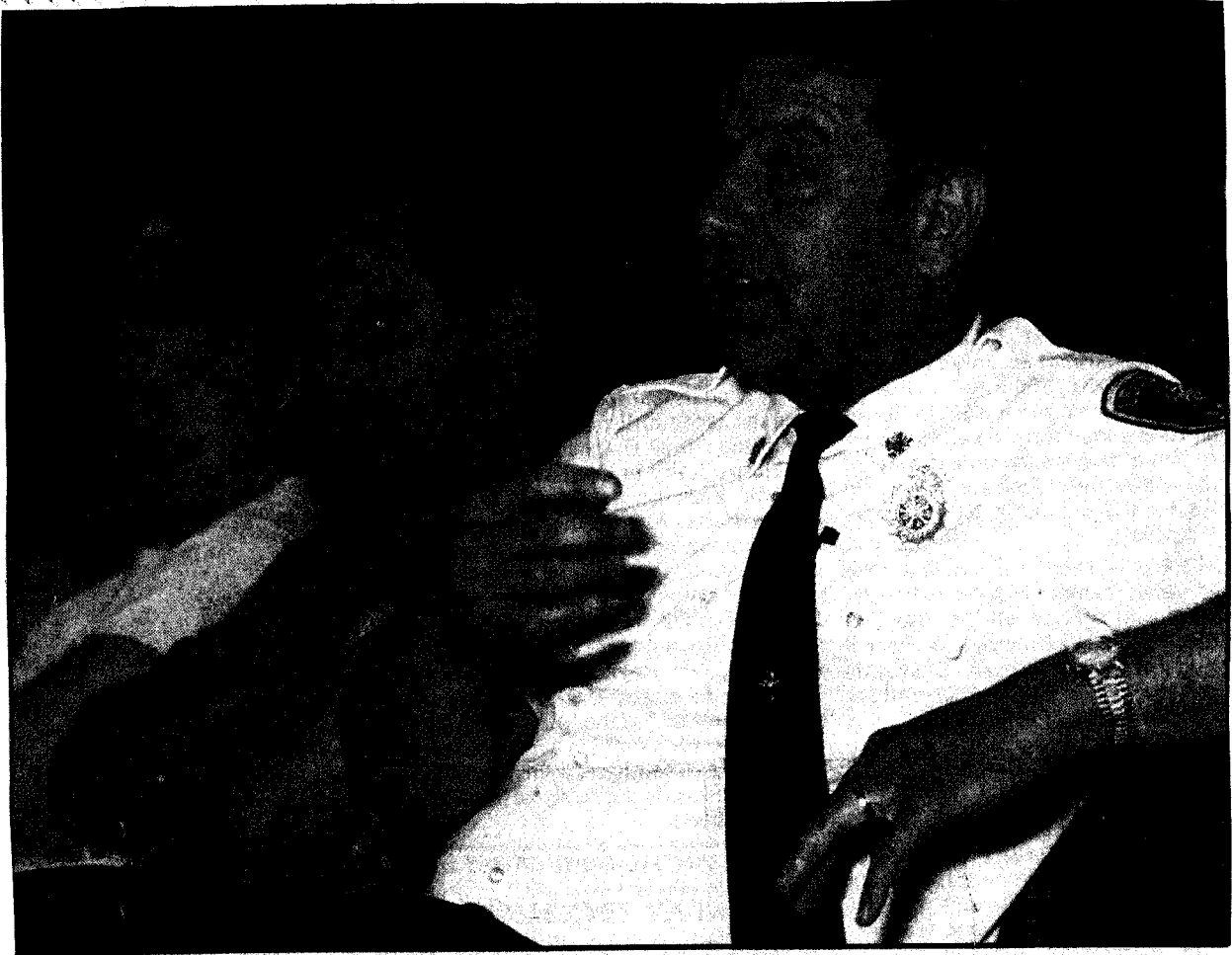
"I checked it out, and it was a very confirming experience for me . . . to discover him. He represented a generation of Franco-Americans who were among the first to write in English."



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Officers installed

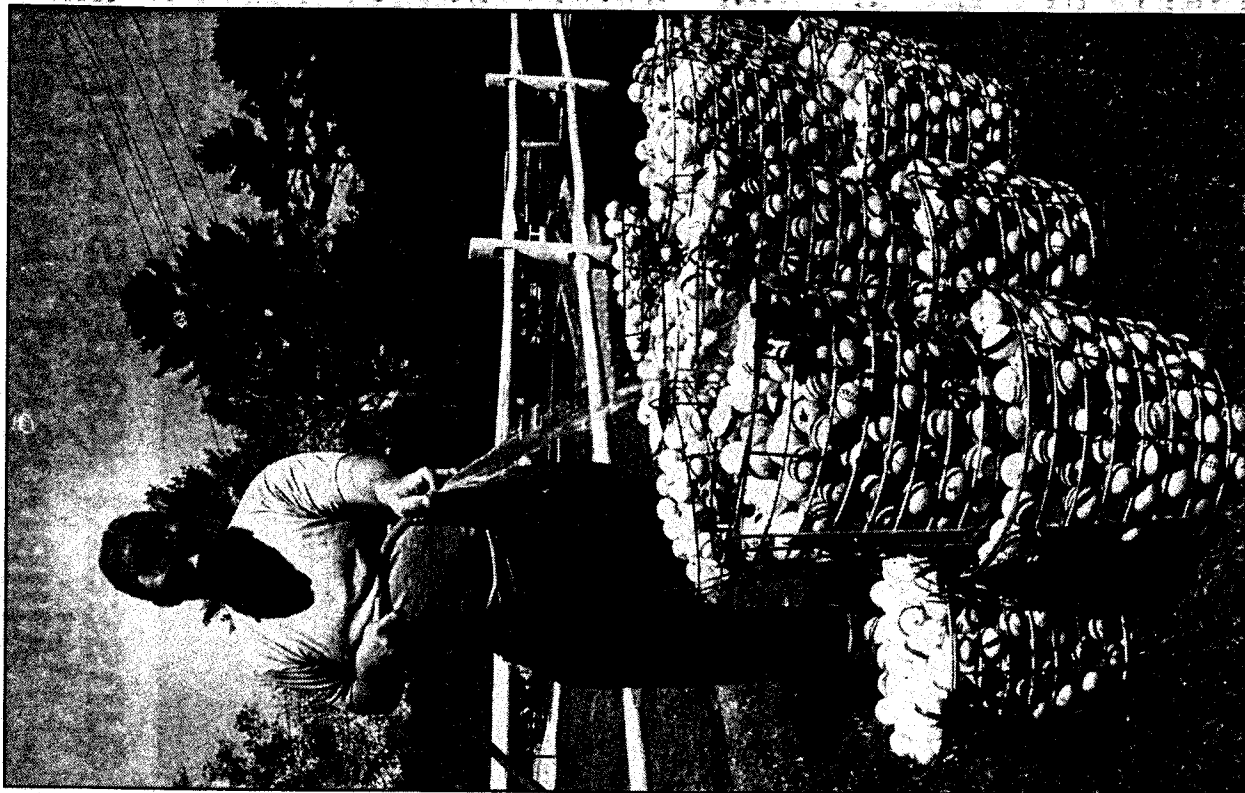
These members of the American Legion, Post 158, Lisbon, were installed Saturday. Front row from left are Raymond Lucas, finance officer; Frank Karkos, second vice commander; Bill King, re-elected commander; Joseph F. Bartos Jr., installing officer and Androscoggin County commander; and Henry Chasse, installing chaplain and commander of American Legion Post 22 in Lewiston. Back row, Raymond A. Gamache, chaplain; Charles J. Smith, adjutant; Louis Crafts, trustee; Roland Gagnon, service officer; David J. King, sergeant-at-arms; David L. Wilson, historian; and Maurice Marquis, installing sergeant-at-arms.



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Lewiston Fire Chief Richard Mailhot responds to questions about his proposal to cut \$120,000 from the fire budget by sidelining Snorkel 1 perhaps half the days

of the year. The City Council supported that proposal in a 6-1 vote Tuesday. Councilors also adopted a budget for 1991-92.



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Ball bath

Dan Leblanc of Tabor's driving range and miniature golf course in Auburn hoses down golf balls.



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The March of Dimes press conference held at the Ramada Inn, Lewiston, welcomed a very special group of people. Left to right are Laura Krumwiede, national March of Dimes ambassador; Nathan Erchette, Lewiston-

Auburn Healthy ChairKid; and Fayth Joy Daigneault, Miracle Baby, who weighed 11 pounds, 7 ounces at birth.

Leavitt team wins silver math bowl

Leavitt Area High School won the silver math bowl at the annual Math Bowl held at Edward Little. Leavitt was one of seven schools competing.

In the championship round, Leavitt scored 90, Edward Little 60, and Vinalhaven 0. In the preliminary round, Leavitt beat Jay High School 175-130.

Team members seen here are Jeff Croteau, Michelle Blais, and Scott Varney. The fourth member, Betsy Briggs, was not present for the photo.



Math Bowl champs Jeff Croteau, Michelle Blais, and Scott Varney. Betsy Briggs, team member, was absent from the photo.

LEAVITT staff photo

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Students get motivated

Lewiston High School honor society members conducted a self esteem class with the 4th grade class of Longley School Lewiston. The class was to motivate, encourage and produce self esteem in the young students. Here, Melissa Moody, Jenny McGhee and Debbie Grenier

participate in an exercise where students were required to list the positive attributes of one another on a sheet of paper taped to each other's backs.

Cousins to compete

Two cousins, Heather Poulin, left, and Jennifer Dubois, will compete in the national Broadway Beautiful Baby Pageant being held early in September at the Sheraton Hotel in Nashville, Tenn. Both children won awards in a preliminary contest held June 9 in Portland. Heather, daughter of Roger and Melissa Poulin of Lewiston, won the title of Miss Photogenic and also was runner-up in her division. Jennifer, daughter of Tony and Diane Dubois of Lewiston, was first runner-up in her division. Family and friends are conducting fund-raising activities to help with the costs of the trip to Nashville. Anyone wishing to donate may contact the girls' grandmother, Jeanne Poulin, P.O. Box 7947, Lewiston.



Senator wants quick dump cleanup

By GLEN CHASE
Sun-Journal Staff Writer

AUGUSTA — A Lewiston lawmaker wants to know if federal money is available to clean up a chemical dump site in Greene that has local leaders worried about potential harm to area water supplies.

Sen. Georgette Berube and two other lawmakers met with state Department of Environmental Protection officials this week to see how quickly the site could be cleaned up.

Berube said Friday she was satisfied the site posed no immediate threat, but said it should be cleaned up as quickly as possible to eliminate potential problems.

She, Rep. Vivian St. Onge, D-Greene, and Rep. Albert Stevens, R-Sabbattus, met with DEP officials to see what needs to be done to clean up the site, which was first identified as a problem by the

DEP in 1986.

"I'm comfortable with the DEP's answers," said Berube. But with any site, "You have to pursue it."

There's no sense in waiting until the local drinking water is contaminated and the public health threatened, said Berube. "The sooner we address this problem, the less it will cost."

St. Onge was puzzled by the DEP response, saying that if the site was considered "hazardous," then it should be cleaned up.

"I think the town of Greene is the victim," said St. Onge. "The project still could have been carried through" and the debate over who was responsible settled later.

The Central Chemical dump is one of about 200 hazardous waste sites scattered around the state that must be cleaned up, according to Pamela Parker, a project manager in the DEP's Oil and Hazardous Materials Bureau.

In 1975, Central Chemical Co. followed existing state laws and regulations in dumping about 10,000 pounds of chemical pesticides and inert material in a pit located on the property. In addition, the University of Maine's agricultural research facility at Highmoor Farm dumped an unknown quantity of pesticides.

"It's not a real severe problem. It's small. It's encapsulated," said Parker.

Chemicals at the site include more than 8,000 pounds of malathion — an insecticide used for edible and non-edible crops — to smaller amounts of substances such as borax, epsom salts and potato seed dust. Malathion is classified as mildly to acutely toxic by the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

However, the risk of people being exposed to the chemicals dumped at the site is low, according to

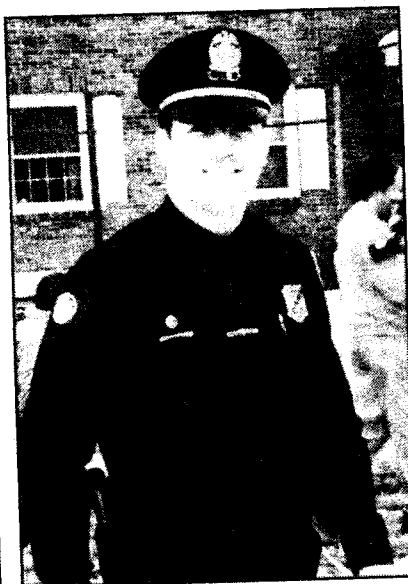


Georgette Berube



Giles R. Landry
Died March 31, 1989

State Trooper Landry was shot and killed while investigating a child abuse complaint. His killer then shot his live-in companion before turning the gun on himself.



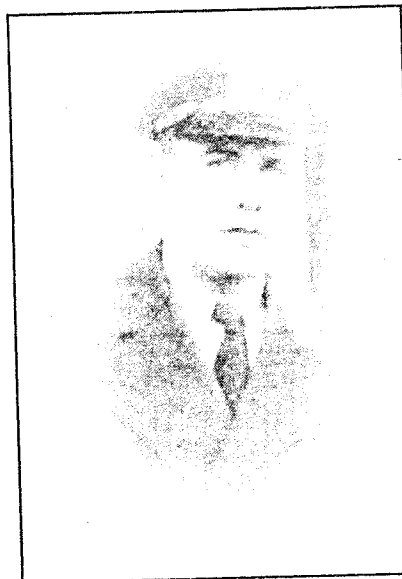
David R. Payne
Died July 23, 1988

Officer Payne was shot and killed while chasing a suspect into the woods after responding to a routine call of a car off the road. Before he died, Payne was able to wound his assailant and warn fellow officers that the man was armed.



Rodney C. Bonney
Died April 6, 1981

Officer Bonney drowned while attempting to rescue a boy who had fallen into the Androscoggin River. The boy also drowned.



Paul J. Simard
Died July 7, 1958

Officer Simard was shot and killed while attempting to stop a 14-year-old girl from firing at passing motorists from a wooded area.



Norman Philbrick
Died July 7, 1949

Officer Philbrick was killed while attempting to prevent a high-speed collision of two fire trucks at the intersection of Court and Main streets. The trucks collided, with him in the middle. Two firefighters also died.

Cultural exchange prompts three-day festival for French

A festival celebrating the shared French heritage of Quebec and New Hampshire will be held soon in Lincoln, N.H.

The three-day event will bring together artists, educators, historians, genealogists, musicians and government officials for concerts, displays, and a myriad of other activities.

The festival — titled "Open Borders/Sans Frontières" The Quebec-New Hampshire Experience - A Celebration!" — is scheduled for May 30 and 31 and June 1.

It has come about as a result of a cultural exchange agreement between Quebec and New Hampshire signed in October 1989. The pact was reached to "strengthen the friendship uniting them and to create new ties."

Popular Franco-American singers and performers and numerous actors, musicians, acrobats, juggl-



ers, and mimes from the Theatre de L'Aubergine of Quebec will entertain all three days.

Lucie Therrien, Quebec groups, Josephine, and C'est Si Bon will be seen in concert. Josee Vachon, recording artist and host of the French language cable T.V. program "Bonjour," will also perform.

Filmmakers Gary Samson and Huey will screen their productions about the Franco-American community and two Cannes Film Festival entries. A film for children will also be shown.

Experts from both sides of the border, John A. Rassias of Dartmouth College and Jo-Ann Veillette of Le Cegep de Trois-Rivieres in Quebec, will discuss their unique and successful methods of French language instruction.

The New Hampshire Department of Education will display a computer-satellite network between six New Hampshire schools and six Quebec schools that will involve students in bilingual communication and educators in team-teaching techniques.

Experienced genealogical researchers will be on hand to help people wishing to trace their French-Canadian roots.

The Quebec Delegation in New England will present a wealth of information on tourism, the economy, immigration, and other matters of public concern.

The festival organized by the North Country Center for the Arts in Lincoln is sponsored by Hydro-Quebec, Bombardier Inc. of Quebec, the Quebec Delegation in New England, and Loon Mountain Recreation Corp.

It's being funded in part with grants from the New Hampshire American-Canadian French Cultural Exchange Commission, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, and the New Hampshire Charitable Fund.

For more information, contact Diane Jeffrey of the North Country Center for the Arts at (603) 745-6032.

Major events scheduled in Montreal include the "1920s, Age of the Metropolis" exhibit at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts from June 20 to Nov. 10; the Grand Prix Molson, Formula 1 car race, May 31-June 2; the Montreal International Jazz Festival, June 28-July 7; and the "Just for Laughs Festival" July 11-22.

Jo Anne Lapointe is a free-lance writer who lives in Auburn.



JOHN CHAISSON photo

Perform for parents

Cathi Roberts Morins' second-graders performed in three plays for their parents and guests on Wednesday. The plays were "Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock," "Sylvester and the Magic People" and "Foolish Fred." Some of the performers, in costume, are

from left, front, Niccole Hall, Andre Rodrigue, Travis Leonard and Callie Giroux; back, Amy Ruest, Andrew Haines, Jerome Sanford, Cheri Gagnon and Lee Gervais.

Golden anniversary is celebrated

LEWISTON — Mr. and Mrs. Cyrille Baillargeon of 155 Warren Ave., Lewiston, were honored guests at a party given recently in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives gathered at No Tomatoes Restaurant for the event given by their five children and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Baillargeon, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey (Rachel) Desgrosseilliers, Mr. and Mrs. Andy (Cecile) Langlois, Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Anita) Grenier and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Baillargeon.

Decorations in gold and white featured banners made by the grandchildren, and on the wall was a display of photographs of family members and events taking place during the past 50 years.

The Rev. Royal Parent, pastor of Holy Family Church, gave a prayer of blessing and serving as toastmaster was the oldest son, Richard. The first grandson, Troy Baillargeon, supervised the guest book and the three oldest granddaughters, Ronda and Kim Baillargeon and Doris Grenier, served the anniversary cake.

The honored guests have six granddaughters, two grandsons, three stepgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

In a special presentation, each of their children presented them a long-stemmed yellow rose, plus one white calla lily in honor of a deceased daughter, and each of the eight grandchildren presented them a long-stemmed pink rose.

The grandchildren also presented several skits depicting events that happened through the years and they gave their grandparents a portrait, taken of all of them together. In addition to those mentioned, grandchildren are Julie Grenier, Celeste and Shawn Langlois and Amanda Baillargeon.

The couple received gifts and many cards of congratulations, including ones from President and Mrs. George Bush and Sen. William Cohen.

Baillargeon and the former



Cyrille and Emma Baillargeon

Emma Dufresne were married in Lewiston on May 10, 1941, at Saints Peter and Paul Church. They both belong to Holy Family Church, do volunteer work at d'Youville Pavilion/Marcotte Nursing Home and enjoy beano and taking walks.

Mrs. Baillargeon, in addition to being a housewife and raising her own children, took care of many others during a span of 20 years. She still enjoys making fudge, is a member of Les Marchandes de Bonheur and the Ladies of St. Anne Sodality, which selected her as mother of the year in 1976, and has worked on many church fairs.

Mr. Baillargeon worked for 37 years at Bates Manufacturing, retiring in 1982, and has served as a pall bearer for several area funeral homes. He is a member of Les Marchands and St. Joseph's Association at Holy Family Church, where he is an altar server during the weekday Masses.

Many other friends and relatives greeted the couple during an open house at their home the following day. Guests were present from Lewiston, Auburn, Lisbon, Greene, Mechanic Falls, Sidney, Augusta, Sabattus, Gray and Canton in Maine; New Hampshire, Canada and Florida.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Poirier

SABATTUS — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. C. Poirier were honored recently on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The celebration, arranged by their children and grandchildren, took place at Maxwell-Gill Hall, where a buffet was served. Lynn Slosberg, their granddaughter, was toastmaster for the occasion.

Poirier and the former Lillian M. Boyyn of New Bedford, Mass., were married April 26, 1941, at St. Joseph's Church, Lewiston. She is a former employee of Geiger Brothers, and he is employed by Bates College. Both are members of Our Lady of the Rosary Church of Sabattus.

The couple are the parents of three children, Lillian Slosberg of Syracuse, N.Y., Alice Williams of Adak, Alaska, and Joseph Poirier of Beacon Falls, Conn. In addition, they have seven grandchildren.

About 50 family members and friends attended the celebration.

Dinner, party mark anniversary

LEWISTON — Paul and Noella St. Hilaire of Barnard Cove, Greene, were honored recently on their 35th wedding anniversary at a dinner at King's Court Restaurant and a gathering of family and friends at their home in Greene.

Their children, Ray, Dianne and Nancy, were host and hostesses. The guests of honor were transported by limousine and they received many gifts and cards of congratulations.

Roland Therrien was toastmaster and Theresa Therrien provided dinner music on the organ at the restaurant and entertained and accompanied a sing-along of favorite songs at the party in Greene.

St. Hilaire and the former Noella D. Brochu were married May 19, 1956, in Waterville, Quebec, Canada. She is the daughter of Adelard and Simone Brochu of Waterville, Que., and he is the son of Napoleon and Emilia St. Hilaire of Augusta.

Their three children are Ray St.



Noella and Paul St. Hilaire

Hilaire of Greene; Mrs. David (Dianne) Kimball of Bangor; and Mrs. Steve (Nancy) Cullins of Kingwood, Texas.

Both Mr. and Mrs. St. Hilaire are employed by Falcon Shoe Co., Lewiston, and attend Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Sabattus.

Nonagenarian honored at birthday celebration

LEWISTON — Raymonda Martineau of 6 Lafayette St., Lewiston, was the guest of honor at a party held recently in celebration of her 90th birthday.

The party was held at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Gerry and Monique Pineau, 40 Franklin St.

Among those present were their grandson, Robert Pineau and his wife, Sue, of Portland; their granddaughter, Stephanie Pineau of Damariscotta; and two friends of many years, Rosanna Pelletier, who is 103 years old, and Betty Roberge, who is 91.

Born in Lewiston on May 4, 1901, Mrs. Martineau was employed by the P & P Fuel Co. prior to her marriage to the late Philippe Martineau.

She remains very active, owns and takes care of the six-apartment building in which she lives and al-



Raymonda Martineau

ways has a helping hand for anyone who needs assistance. Her hobby is reading.

Racing for YMCA



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Lucien Ouellette of Auburn stretches his legs at the Great Falls Plaza before running in the third annual Country Kitchen 10K for the YMCA race in Auburn Sunday. About 100 runners raised about \$3,500 to help the YMCA's "Campership" program, which enables economically disadvantaged youngsters from Lewiston and Auburn to attend the YMCA-owned Camp Connor in Poland, according to race director Jim Lawler of the YMCA. In addition to Country Kitchen bakeries, sponsors of the 6.2 mile event included Key Bank, the Dunlap Corp., Bud Light and WLAM radio.

Golden anniversary is celebrated



Volunteers honored

During National Volunteer Week, Marshwood Nursing Care Center on Roger Avenue in Lewiston honored many of its volunteers for their dedication and caring throughout the year at an appreciation banquet. Special recognition went to Muriel Lemire, right, for her 700-plus hours of volunteer work at Marshwood. Winners of the floral arrangements are, from left, Yvonne Masse, Doris Kidder and Norma Peterson.



Planning pancake breakfast

The 34th annual Kiwanis Club pancake breakfast will be served Sunday from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. under the tent at the Auburn Mall parking lot. Supervising the arrangements are, from left, seated, Bill Hunter, chairman, Andy Michaud and Jerry Drouin; standing, Roger Mailhot, club President Doug Dwinal and Bud Nelson. Entertainment will be provided from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. by the Edward Little High School First Impression singing group and radio station WXGL will be broadcasting live from 6 to 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to the breakfast, which will be held rain or shine.

GREENE — A dinner party was held recently at Sedgley Place honoring Leo and Therese Provencher of 1384 Lisbon St., Lewiston, in celebration of their golden wedding anniversary.

Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fernand Labbe, were host and hostess. He also led the toast and she made and decorated the anniversary cake.

The focal point of the decorations was a collage of pictures taken over the past 50 years.

Provencher and the former Therese Bisson were married April 19, 1941, at Sacred Heart Church, Auburn. She was employed by Bates Manufacturing for 38 years and, at the time of her retirement, worked at Knapp Shoe Co. He was employed for 25 years by Cushman Shoe Co. and, at retirement, was working for Crest Shoe.

In addition to their daughter, Pauline Labbe; they have three granddaughters, Kimmy, Kelley and Cheryl, and two great-granddaughters, Amanda and Chelsea.



Therese and Leo Provencher

Out-of-town guests attended from Dover, Del.; Bellevue, Neb.; Garfield, N.J.; Tynsboro, Mass.; and Sebago Lake.

After dinner, party activities continued at the Labbe home on Lucille Avenue, Lewiston.

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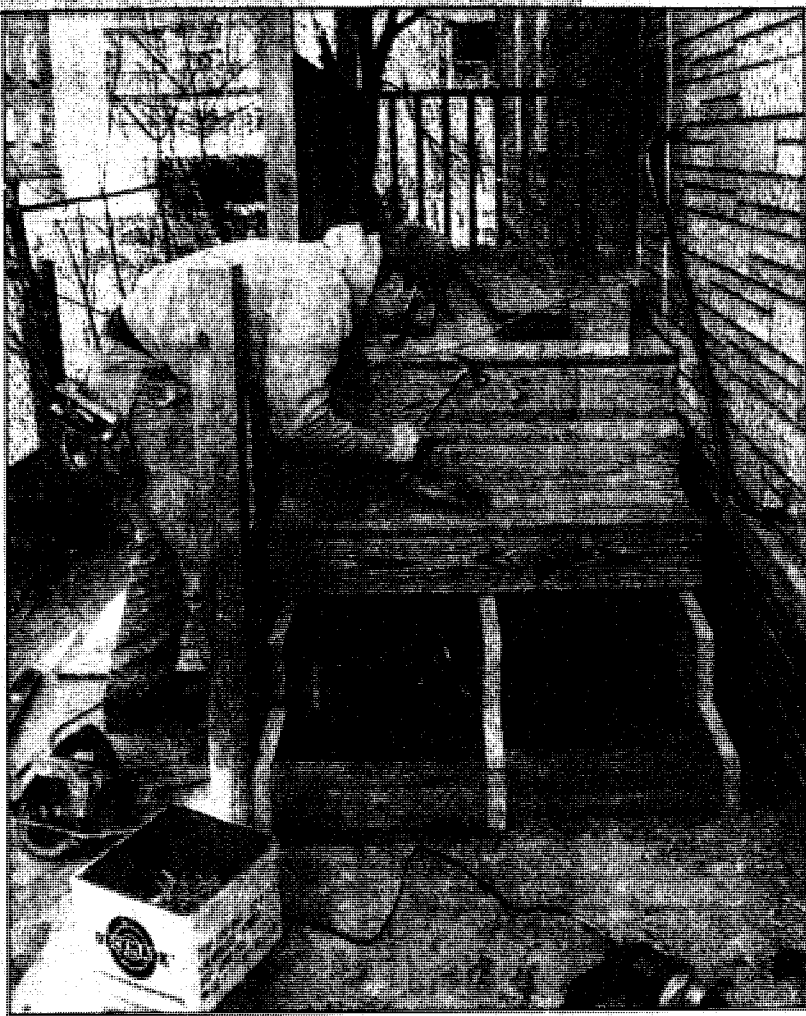
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Jean Jacques Castonguay from Jean Jacques construction of Lewiston, works on the deck of the 130 Oxford St. apartments now under renovation.



Altrusa presents award

Denise Cloutier of Auburn, center, a single mother of two children, was presented an anniversary gift campaign award from Altrusa International to be used to further her education for a career in nursing. Lise Lothrop, Altrusa president, is at the left and Danielle Gingras, Altrusa District 1 governor from the Quebec City club, is at the right. The award, which is made available through the Altrusa International Foundation to help local clubs support community service projects, will make it possible for Cloutier to study for a nursing degree at the University of Maine, Lewiston-Auburn. In addition to her studies, she is employed by the Murphy Foundation for the Retarded. Further information on the award may be obtained by contacting Lothrop at 784-4726.



Rotary Club officers

Officers of the Rotary Club of Lewiston-Auburn for the 1991-92 year are, from left, Gerald R. Martel, Richard L. Gove and Peter A. Kowalski, directors; Donald C. Bourassa, past president; Bruce Bilodeau, director; Ray Martel, vice president; Alan Hahnel,



president; Robert Sansoucy, treasurer; Dom Tardif, secretary; Marcel Marquis, Bethel Shields, Ralph Tuttle and Kimberly Poulin, directors; and Harold Dutch, director and editor of the "Spindle."





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First-place winners

A group of Lewiston Junior High School seventh-graders and their teacher are tuned in to WCBB-Channel 10 in more ways than one. The students, members of Phil Brookhouse's green science enrichment class, won first place in a statewide storyboard competition sponsored by the public television station. Their public service announcement on "How I Can Change the World," filmed at St. Mary's Hospital by a Channel 10 production crew,

will be entered in a national PBS contest. Kneeling in front from left are, Heather Bois, Emmy Ouellette, Mark Blanchette, Patt Shea, Phil Brookhouse, Jeff Doyon, Kate Mulholland, Kara Tonoli and Michele Richard. In back are Jason Fournier, Michael Bannister, Nancy Walworth, Buffy Fuller, Nate Gagne and Ryan Crocker. They were honored at a WCBB awards presentation May 7.



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Cooling off

Becky Albert is chased by Maca Roddy, center, and Amy Albert, all of Auburn, after they participated in the Save the Children Take 5 Relay '91 run/walk at Bates College in Lewiston Saturday. Participants

raised donations from sponsors to fund worldwide immunizations of children. The event was sponsored by the Lewiston-Auburn Doukoula project.



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Yard and baked goods sale

Anne Laplante, left, Diane Clukey, center, and Julie Gagnon load up a van to transport items donated for a yard and baked goods sale to take place Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit the John F. Murphy Homes Inc., which serves people with mental retardation. The sale will be held, rain or shine, at "The Shop," a work program located on 43 Washington St., Auburn (on the rotary directly across from the Mobil Gas Station just two buildings before Roy's

Steak and Hamburgers.) Sale items range from furniture, appliances and glassware to antiques, books and toys. Proceeds from the two day event will go toward purchasing educational curriculum supplies for the organization's Inservice Education Committee to assist in teaching all persons being served by Murphy Homes. All the items for the sale were donated. Anyone wishing to donate may call Anne Laplante at 784-8365.



Edward Little principal Larry LaBrie, center, with John Lamme, president of the National Association of Secondary School Principals on the left, and Scott Stoner, education director of Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C., as he received the Administrator Award presented to four top administrators across the nation.



At long last

These brothers and sisters finally were able to get together for a day of getting reacquainted, reminiscing, looking over family pictures and just enjoying each other's company for the first time in 30 years. Gathering at the home of Romeo Lajoie, seated, at Old Orchard Beach were, standing from left, Lionel Lajoie, Roger Lajoie, Georgette Rivard and Mariette Foisy, all of Lewiston-Auburn.



Supervising banquet arrangements

The annual banquet for La Survivance Francaise will be held Sunday at Ramada Inn, opening with a social hour at noon. Supervising the arrangements are, from left, seated, Alberta Poulin, Annette Berube and Rita Gosselin, who serves as president; standing, Lucille Henault, Ann Parent, Gisele Perreault, Laurette Dube and Irene Biron. A musical program, featuring local talent and several club members, will be presented after the meal. Tickets, which are \$10, may be reserved by calling 784-1434 or 783-0983.

AUBURN — Friends and relatives gathered recently at the American Legion Hall on Washington Street, Auburn, to honor Bertrand and Germaine Nolin of 35 Heath Lane, Auburn, on their 50th wedding anniversary.

Their five children, Marlene Charpentier, Douglas R. Nolin, Michael Nolin, Daniel Nolin and James Nolin, were hosts and hostess and Douglas and Marlene led a toast to their parents.

Aqua and gold decorations were used and the guests of honor received a special plaque, gifts of money and many cards of congratulations.

Nolin and the former Germaine Giasson were married Feb. 22, 1941, at St. Louis Church. Prior to his retirement, he was employed by Northeast Refrigeration and is a member of the Elks Lodge.

In addition to their five children, they have 11 grandchildren, Wendy



Germaine and Bertrand Nolin

Kelly, Penny Dick, Melony Dick, Thomas Nolin, Julie Anne Nolin, Shelby Nolin, Jeramy Nolin, Kerrie Nolin, Kimmy Nolin, Jimmy Nolin and Christina Lahey, and one great-grandson, Nicholas Kelly.



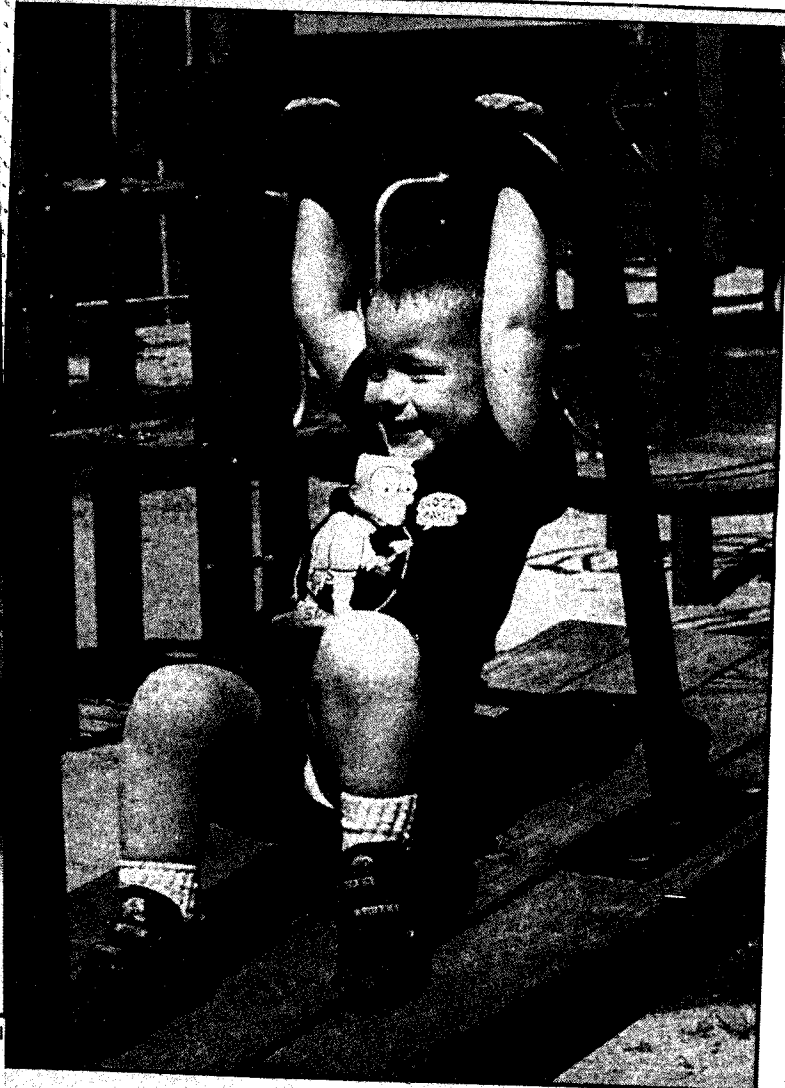
Public Works Department employees Mike Cormier, right, and Dick Raymond help members of Cub Scout Pack 116 plant a tree at a spot they've adopted for beautification.



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Autographs for their friends

Kindergartners and second-graders at Wallace School in Lewiston line up for autographs last week from Sgt. Normand Beaulieu, Capt. Martin Remillard, Sgt. Marc Berube and Sgt. Kenneth Mullen, father of kindergarten Brandon Mullen. The students "adopted" the 619th Transportation Company soldiers during the Persian Gulf War and gave them a heroes' welcome when they visited the school Friday.



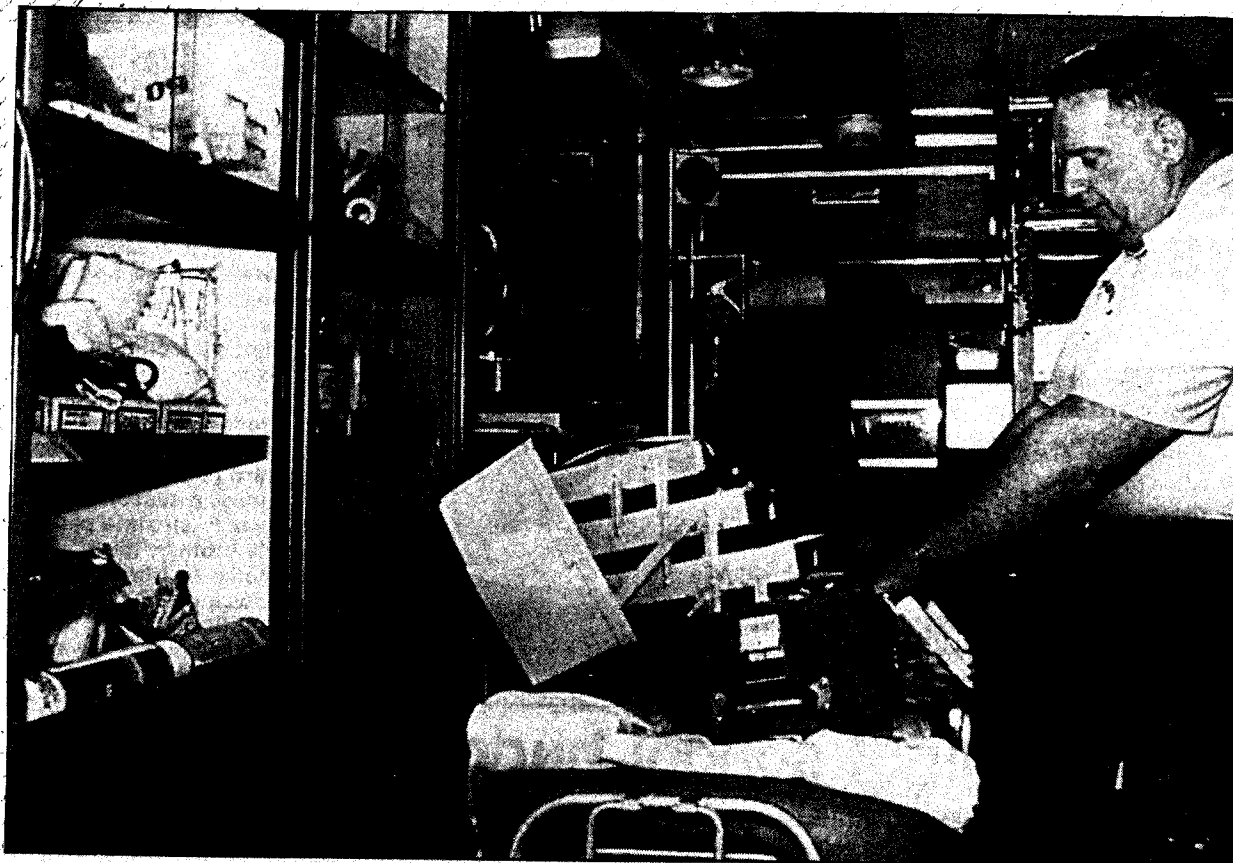
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day at the park

This week's warm temperatures have attracted many to the outdoors to enjoy the mild weather, and 3-year-old Joseph Michael Menard of Lewiston is no exception. He is shown above enjoying some of the playground equipment at Kennedy Park.



Seven Lewiston Junior High School students spent a day at Central Maine Technical College exploring career possibilities. Getting a firsthand look at how to program a robot are, top photo, from left, Gerry Grant, electrotechnology instructor Brian Langlois and Joey Lanois. In the bottom photo, LHS student Marcus Verrilli, center, is learning how to make a bagel while culinary arts students, from left, Corey Sumner, Jay Novella, Dianne Veilleux and Jason Kimball oversee his work.



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Charles Berube, an EMT licensed at the highest paramedic level, said he enjoys the opportunity for continuing education. Responding to crises is a constant chal-

lenge, he said. "I like that each call is different. You've got to think all the time."



Special visitor

During National Nursing Home Week, Marshwood Nursing Care Center in Lewiston held many special events, including a Cookbook Luncheon, Dress Your Best Day, Evening in the Tropics, Pet Day and Fabulous Fifties Day. On Pet Day, licensed practical nurse Rachel Remillard, center, brought in her pure-bred alpine goat named Daisy May to visit with residents, including Hazel Barrowclough, right, who is getting acquainted.



Laurie Deschenes

Lewiston teen wins first place

DALLAS, Texas — Laurie Deschenes, daughter of Yves and Anita Deschenes, 49 Acadia St., Lewiston, won first place in the individual flag division of the Drum Corps International competition held recently in Dallas.

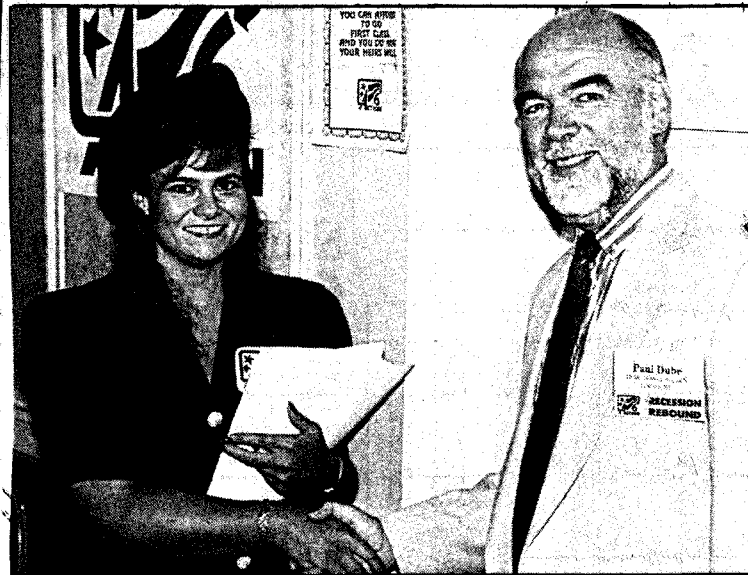


Special plaque

A special direct membership solicitation transfer plaque was presented to Lewiston American Legion Post 22 Commander Henry Chasse in recognition of making the largest contribution to the transference from department to national posts. Chasse, left, is pictured here with outgoing Department Commander Gard Enman making the presentation.



Employees of the Spring Street Shop 'n Save in Auburn have contributed to the Lewiston-Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce's Community Gardens project by planting annuals at each end of the Veterans Memorial Bridge. Store Manager Bob Caouette, left, and floral manager, Martha Kittle, along with other employees, braved the rain recently to help with the beautification project.



Dube attends seminar

Paul Dube, owner of Dube Travel Agency in Lewiston, is welcomed by ACTION 6 staffer Sandra Couillard to the "Operation Recession Rebound" seminar held July 18 in Andover, Mass. ACTION 6 is a 1,600-member cooperative working to get lower rates for customers from mostly cruise lines, hotels and tour companies.

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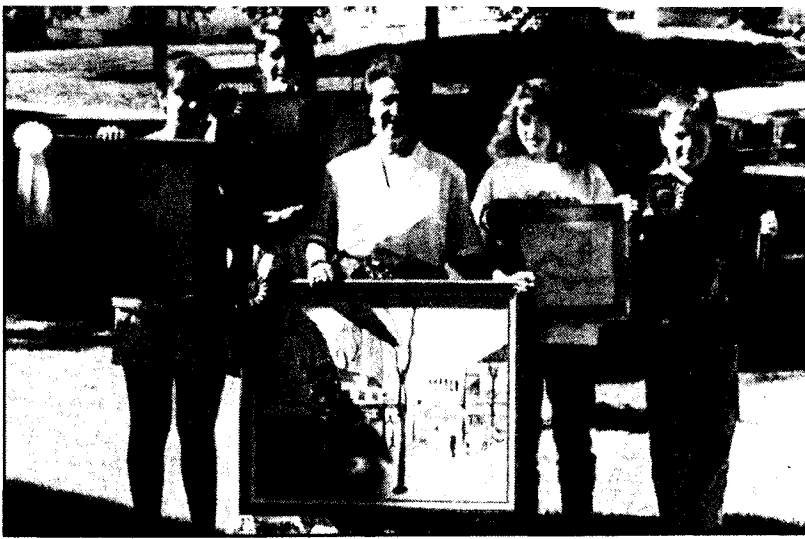
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The top winners in Mercedes Gastonguay's student art show are, from left, Karen Normand, best of show; and Eric Bouffard, Madeleine Berube, Danielle Deschene and Nicholas Chasse, first-place winners in the various age categories. Stacey Croft also won a first-place award.

Art students receive awards for their works

LEWISTON — Karen Normand received the Best of Show award at an art show held recently featuring students of Mercedes Gastonguay.

Other winners in various age categories are as follows.

Adult: Madeleine Berube, first; Suzanne Beaulieu, second; Simonne Caron, Nancy Fox, Carole Griffin and Jennifer St. Pierre, honorable mention.

Eighteen and under: Eric Bouffard, first; Ronald Bilodeau, second; Lydia Caron, Laurie Doyon, Dana Lemelin and Nicola Webster, honorable

mention.

Fourteen and under: Danielle Deschenes, first; Tina Denis, second; Nicholas Caron, Jessica Desjardins, Christopher Ferguson and Anne Therriault, honorable mention.

Twelve and under: Stacey Croft, first; David Deschenes, second; Stacey Berube, Deneka Fortier and Andrea L'Heureux, honorable mention.

Ten and under: Nicholas Chasse, first; Erica Letourneau, second; Christine Cloutier and Sarah Wing, honorable mention.



Planning 25th reunion

St. Dominic Regional High School's class of 1966 will hold its 25th reunion Aug. 8 at Ramada Inn. Members of the Planning Committee are, from left, front row, Marie Brillant Bizier, Carmen Berube Coulombe, Monique Jolicoeur Lecompte, Cecilia Grenier Courtemanche and Louise Landry Robert; back row, Marcel Chasse, Monette Pratt Valcourt, Linda Long Perryman and Thomas Coulombe. Absent from the picture are committee members Louise Metayer Gagne and Suzanne Roy. Anyone having information about the following classmates is asked to contact Carmen Coulombe at 784-5962 or Cecilia Courtemanche at 782-4668. They are Roger Bachand, Therese Demers, Raymond Dutil, Judith Fournier, Laurette Lagrange McGee, Jerome Maillet, Gerald Martel, Lorraine Jarvais Sawyer, and Stephen Seigler.

Turcottes on 40th

AUBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turcotte of West Shore Drive, Greene, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at a party given recently at the East Auburn Community Center.

Their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Turcotte, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Turcotte, Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Turcotte, Leo Turcotte and Charles Quirion made the party arrangements. Pierre was toastmaster and a granddaughter, Daphne Turcotte, was guest book hostess.

The honored guests received many gifts and cards of congratulations.

Turcotte and the former George-tte Cloutier were married June 30, 1951, at Holy Cross Church in Lewiston. They are both employed by Knapp Shoe Co. He served in the National Guard for more than 21 years and is an avid fisherman. She enjoys working in her flower garden.

In addition to their sons, they have five grandsons, Pierre, Jessie, Richard, Jason and Adam, and a granddaughter, Daphne Turcotte.

Guests attended from Connecticut, New Hampshire, Canada, Dur-



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turcotte

ham, Lewiston, Monmouth, Lisbon Falls and Greene.

Simards celebrate 60 years

LEWISTON — Family and friends gathered at Marois Restaurant recently to honor Hilarion and Grace Simard of 1635 Hotel Road, Auburn, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Hosts and hostesses were their six children and spouses, Dolores and Paul Bean of Baldwinsville, N.Y.; Lucille Poulin of Lewiston; Paul and Adele Simard of Hurst, Texas; Louise and Maurette Brown of Minot; Donald and Phyllis Simard and Robert Simard, all of Auburn.

As guests arrived, each of the ladies received a long-stemmed lace rose, which had been made by a daughter, Lucille Poulin. Their son Paul, in his role as toastmaster, expressed the family's thanks and gratitude to their parents. A granddaughter, Carol Bean, circulated the guest book and supervised the gifts.

Two longtime friends of the couple, Alice and Albert Levesque, were seated at the head table with the guests of honor. Served at dessert time was a three-tiered strawberry cake, made by Sue Herrick, flanked by bowls of fresh strawberries, which family members had hand picked the previous day especially for the occasion.

Among the many gifts was a special framed religious reading presented by a daughter, Dolores Bean; a memory album containing a photo and message from each of the children, compiled by a granddaughter, Carol Bean of Rochester, N.Y., and a grandson's wife, Lee Ann Bean of Hilton, N.Y.; flowers from a close friend, Lillian Murphy of Saugerties, N.Y.; and gifts of money.

Highlighting the celebration was the presentation by Mr. Simard of the original engagement ring, which he placed on his wife's finger as he did 60 years ago. The ring had been restored as a special gift from the couple's children. He also gave his wife a bouquet that was a replica of her original bridal bouquet.

Among their many congratulatory messages were ones sent by President and Mrs. George Bush; May MacDonough of Philsboro, Dublin, Ireland; Clayton and Collette Bean of Kingston, N.Y.; and Madelyn Chapple of Santa Clarita, Calif.; and a surprise telephone message from a grandson and family, Stephen and Lee Ann Bean and Lindsay Bean of



Mr. and Mrs. Hilarion Simard

Hilton, N.Y.

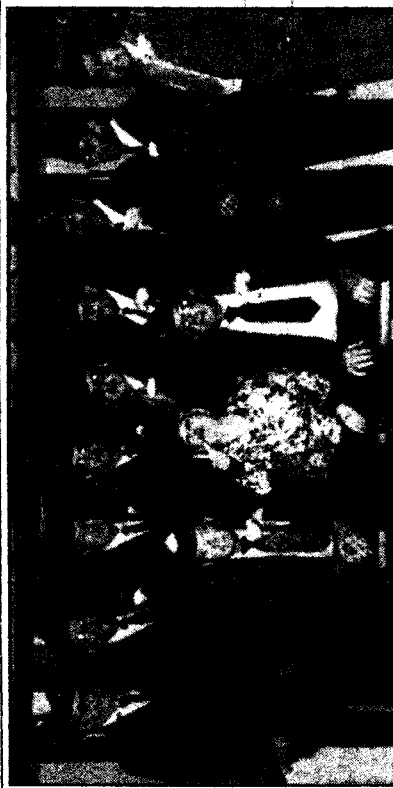
After dinner, an open house was held at the home of Lucille Poulin, 25 Pineland St., Lewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Simard were married June 29, 1931, at Sacred Heart Church in Auburn by an uncle, the Rev. Alfred Simard. She is the former Grace Gagnon. He was employed for many years by the Lake Auburn Crystal Ice Co. and, at the time of his retirement, worked for Gould and Scammon. Mrs. Simard has always been a homemaker and an active volunteer for the John Murphy Foundation and the Social Learning Center of Lewiston.

The couple enjoys taking rides, frequently taking day trips through New Hampshire and Vermont, and they join friends each week for breakfast at the Cole Farm, for which they received several gift certificates.

In addition to their six children, they have 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Among the guests were a nephew and his wife, Roland and Quinece Doyon of Pomona, Calif., who have not been to Maine in 30 years. Others attended from Auburn, Lewiston, Poland, Mechanic Falls, Windham, Turner, Leeds, Lake Thompson, Saco, Old Orchard Beach, Sanford, California, Texas, New York, Florida and Connecticut.



Post 22 installation

Taking office for the 1991-92 year for American Legion Post 22 of Lewiston, are, from left, seated, Henry Chasse, past commander; Lillian Goolishian, historian; and Clinton Knowlton, commander; standing, Joseph Bisson, chaplain; Maurice Dennis, first vice commander; Raymond Wood, trustee; Jerry DerBoghossian, adjutant; Robert Gelinas, service officer; Maurice Marquis, sergeant-at-arms; Emile Thibault, trustee; Roger Fillion, second vice commander; and Jean Paul Poulin,



Irene Charest, left, receives instruction from Diane Robitaille, instructor in Introductory Computer class, at the Lewiston Adult Education at Lewiston High School.

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Lewiston assessor retiring

By MARTHA C. DUMAIS
Sun-Journal Staff Writer

LEWISTON — After 20 years with the city, Chief Assessor Fern Rodrigue will spend his last day on the job today.

"I'm lucky that I was happy with my work," Rodrigue, 63, said Tuesday. "I'm a lucky man to be able to enjoy the first day of my job and enjoy the last day."

Rodrigue began working for the city, one of three members of its Board of Assessors, after serving as an agent for Prudential Insurance. When the city became its own assessment district in 1975, he took over as its first chief assessor.

After a citywide revaluation in 1980 performed by a consultant, Rodrigue took on another revaluation in 1988. Using city staff that year saved the city half a million dollars, Rodrigue said.

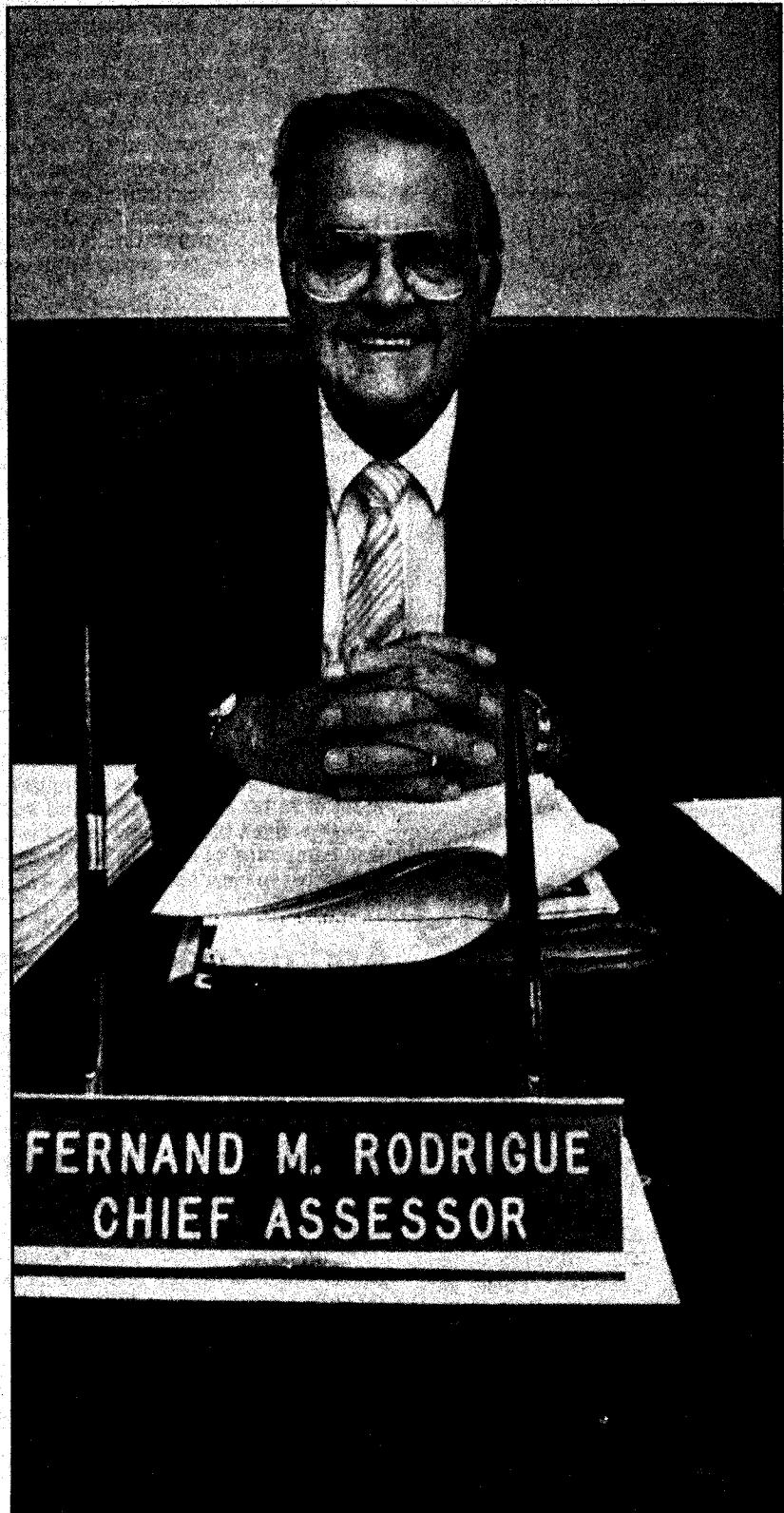
During his career he has served as president, vice president and board member for the Maine Association of Assessing Officers and the Maine chapter of the group's international association. A Lewiston native and resident, he graduated from Lewiston High School and from Bryant College in Rhode Island with a degree in accounting, he said.

"He's recognized as one of the best assessors within the state," said City Administrator Robert Mulready, a former assessor and real estate appraiser himself. Rodrigue is both competent and compassionate, he said.

"One thing about him is he's comfortable sitting down with you and discussing both simple and complex real-estate matters. . . . I haven't worried about assessing. I knew it was being done well," Mulready said.

Rodrigue looks forward to traveling and "a little golf" after retiring, he said.

"I feel a little anxiety about being all done. I've been employed for over 40 years. I've never loafed, and now I'm gonna be without a job."



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Care at home:

Visiting nurse gives patients much more than medicine

By STEPHANIE DUEGER
Sunday Staff Writer

AUBURN — Emilien Morin Sr. waits patiently with his wife at the kitchen table of their New Auburn home for registered nurse Charlene Deam to arrive.

Once a week, Deam visits Morin in his home to check his blood pressure, weight, vital signs and blood sugar.

The Morins are relaxed, yet excited to see the nurse when she appears. Her visits may be routine after more than nine months of weekly checkups at their home, but Deam has become a trusted friend as well as a care-giver.

Morin, who is 80 years old, has a controllable long-term illness. He is not sick enough to go to a hospital, nor does he wish to be placed in a nursing home. Deam's visits and assistance from Morin's primary care-giver — his wife — make it possible for him to remain safely at home.

Deam is just one nurse on several teams of nurses at Androscoggin Home Health Services in Auburn. Deam has been with AHHC for about two years of her 10-year nursing career. To her patients, she is a comfort, a friend, and a professional care-giver — an invaluable link in their lives.

She carries her various medical supplies with her in two large, neatly organized bags, and has each patient's care chart under her arm. Deam's care is very personalized:

Nurse from 1E

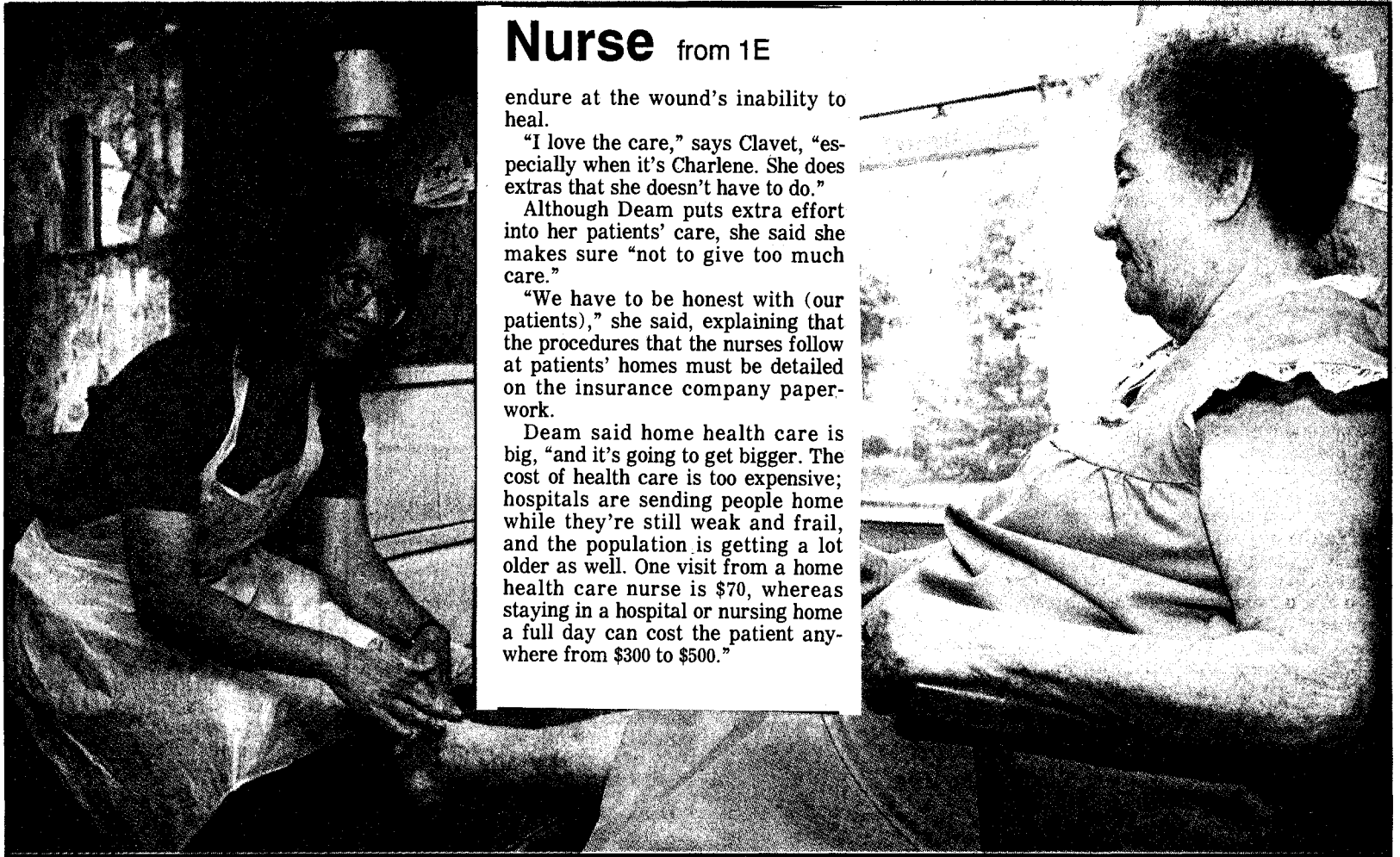
endure at the wound's inability to heal.

"I love the care," says Clavet, "especially when it's Charlene. She does extras that she doesn't have to do."

Although Deam puts extra effort into her patients' care, she said she makes sure "not to give too much care."

"We have to be honest with (our patients)," she said, explaining that the procedures that the nurses follow at patients' homes must be detailed on the insurance company paperwork.

Deam said home health care is big, "and it's going to get bigger. The cost of health care is too expensive; hospitals are sending people home while they're still weak and frail, and the population is getting a lot older as well. One visit from a home health care nurse is \$70, whereas staying in a hospital or nursing home a full day can cost the patient anywhere from \$300 to \$500."



Charlene Deam, a nurse with Androscoggin Home Health Services of Auburn, changes the dressing on Mrs. Aurelienne Clavet's foot. To her

patients, Deam is a comfort, a friend, and a professional care-giver.

SCOTT LeCLAIR/Sunday photographer

She rests her hand on Morin's hand after drawing his blood, she speaks sincerely and with concern to the Morins about the patient's steady improvement, and repeats herself calmly and loudly to overcome both language and hearing barriers.

Deam has also had to teach Mrs. Morin how to provide special care for her husband at home, including how to monitor his diet, how to know when to call for help, and how to administer his medicine.

After eight years of nursing in various hospital settings, Deam said, the transition from working in hospital units to working as a home health nurse was a "big adjustment" for her, but a worthwhile one.

"In home health care," said Deam, "you see your patients continuously. There is more one-on-one, and greater independence. There is more time to think, to focus on the problem, to help the patient and to teach them and their families about the illness. In a hospital, you never know."

"I feel a lot more professional," she said. "I'm doing what I always thought nursing was all about."

She loves the visits

Deam's second visit on this Tuesday is to Sister Marie Lourdes, a 90-year-old woman living in the Dominican Sisters convent in Sabattus.

Sister Lourdes' face lights up in a smile when she sees Deam coming toward her. She is sitting outside, her walker placed in front of her, waiting for her biweekly checkup.

Deam has been visiting Lourdes



Ninety-year-old Sister Marie Lourdes enjoys it when nurse Charlene Deam comes to the Dominican Sisters convent to see her. Since November, Deam has given Lourdes a biweekly checkup, evaluating a health plan prescribed by her physician.

since November, evaluating a health plan prescribed by her physician. A home health aide also visits Lourdes twice a week to assist her in bathing.

"I love the visits," says Lourdes. "And after my bath, I feel so much better."

Deam crouches to the level that Lourdes is sitting at and takes her blood pressure.

"It looks good, Sister," she says, "the same as last time."
"Oh good, good," Lourdes chuckles.

Deam rests her hand on Lourdes' arm and asks if the visits from the home health aide are working out. Lourdes says they have helped her tremendously with bathing.

Only about half of Deam's work is done in the field. The rest of her

time is spent at her desk, filling out paperwork for insurance companies, working on patient care plans, and following up on patient visits by calling the patient's physician to let them know how the prescribed treatment is working.

The nurses coordinate their work with outside sources as well, according to Deam. The greatest resource is the Western Area Agency on Aging, as most of the care provided by home health care agencies is to patients over 65 years of age.

"Part of what you become sensitive to," said Deam, "is that most of these people grew up in a different era. It affects how they learn and how they make decisions."

She explained that sometimes patients won't take medications their physician has prescribed because they don't like the side effects or they are forgetful.

Part of Deam's job is to teach her patients the importance of taking the medicine, or to let the patients know that they can have their physician modify the prescription to reduce the side effects.

Another problem Deam often encounters is that many of the patients smoke, even though they have been warned by a physician that they should quit.

"You know they shouldn't smoke," said Deam. "You also know they have the right to smoke if they want to."

Deam makes anywhere from two to 10 visits a day, each lasting about 30 minutes, but averages about five visits a day. On the very busy days, licensed practical nurses or "associate nurses" pick up the slack, visiting the patients the reg-

Happy 25th anniversary!

By STEPHANIE DUEGER
Sunday Staff Writer

AUBURN — Androscoggin Home Health Care celebrates its anniversary today after 25 years of home health caring.

Since 1966, the organization has provided services ranging from home nursing care to parenting education to more than 40,000 people in five surrounding counties.

AHHC is the oldest non-profit home health care service in the area, as well as the largest service in the state, according to Don Kniseley, vice president of planning and development at AHHC.

The care is provided in the

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istered nurses can't.

Getting special attention

Mrs. Aurelienne Clavet is Deam's final visit for the morning.

When Deam arrives, the home-making service offered by AHHC is cleaning Clavet's kitchen.

Clavet, who is 80 years old, has an injury on her foot that hasn't healed in over a year. Deam takes extra care to change the dressing on Clavet's foot, verbalizing the frustration she knows Clavet must

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Costs, patients' desires prompt growth in home care services

be as efficient as possible.

The hospital must then pay for any extended care needed from its own funds if the patient cannot be discharged, which in turn is passed on to consumers and taxpayers.

Charles Orne, executive vice president for

caid, Blue Cross, Blue Shield, and the Southern and Western Agencies on Aging, as well as private contributions.

Patients who are not insured can pay on a sliding-fee scale relative to their income and



Lisa Albert



Laura Bilodeau



Darcie Labrecque

University Women announce annual book award recipients

AUBURN — The Lewiston/Auburn Branch of the American Association of University Women has announced the recipients of its annual book award.

A young woman in the 1991 graduating class of each of the three local high schools was selected on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, diversified extracurricular activities and plans to attend a four-year college or university in the fall.

Awarded an unabridged edition of the American Heritage Dictionary were the following students.

Lisa M. Albert, daughter of Marcel and Laurette Albert of Lewiston, was an honor roll student at St. Dominic Regional High School, named to the National Honor Society, and received the University of Maine Academic Achievement Award.

Albert was a member of the field hockey team, the French Club and the eucharistic ministry. She will at-

tend the University of New England in Biddeford.

Laura Bilodeau, daughter of Donna Bilodeau of Auburn, was named to the Edward Little High School honor roll for four years. She was a member of the marching band, an officer in the concert band and participated in the show choir and chamber singers.

Bilodeau was a four-year member of the Drama Club, serving as its treasurer her senior year, and was vice president of the National Honor Society.

Her other school activities were the environmental group LORAX, peer counseling and Red Eddies Against Drunk Driving Youth. She is active in church youth work and is a Sunday school teacher. She has also worked part-time in a local bookstore. This fall she will enter the University of Vermont.

Darcie P. Labrecque, daughter of Paul and Jacqueline Labrecque of

Lewiston, is a graduate of Lewiston High School. Her activities include four years in the marching band, where she was a majorette and a member of the color guard, serving as captain in both capacities.

Labrecque was co-captain of the debate/speech team, president of the National Honor Society and a member of the Executive Board and served on the Renaissance Committee. She participated in the Gifted-/Talented Math and Science program. She also has competed in team and solo twirling for six years. She plans to attend Colby College in Waterville.

The American Association of University Women promotes equity for women, education and self-development over the life span, and positive societal change. Founded in 1888, AAUW has 130,000 members nationwide. The Lewiston/Auburn Branch began in 1987.



Scholarship recipient

Rok Morin of Auburn, who is attending the University of Maine this fall, has received a scholarship from Scott Pharmacy of Lewiston. A 1991 graduate of Edward Little High School, his activities included the State Junior Council, Demolay and Spanish clubs. The son of Robert and Joan Morin, 78 Broad St. Auburn, he plans to major in biology at the university.



Planning card party

Liane Pelletier, president of the Wallace Assembly Wives, Knights of Columbus, Lewiston, is co-chairwoman of the group's upcoming card party, which will be held Oct. 2 at the KC hall on East Avenue. Her co-chairwoman is Noella Carrier. For tickets, call 783-3676 or 782-8643.



Twirl Night participants

Students at Champion's Choice Baton School presented their annual Twirl Night for family and friends recently, during which several mothers presented a special routine. At the conclusion of the program, awards and certificates were presented. Participants were, from left, first row, Chris Barcelou, Kristin Morin, Mary Carpenter, Darcie Labrecque, Michelle

Fecteau, Leigh-ann Deschenes and Erin Allen; second row, Kim Bedard, Dawn Miller, Ashley Bedard, Jessica Dufour and Brianne Dufour; third row, Stephanie Pepin, Demarie Gurney, Erica Emond, Tammy Doyon and Anne Lauziere. Coaches are Pauline Moreau and Sheila Walton.



Program recognized

At the 1991 convention of Wives of Veterans of Foreign Wars, St. Mary's Hospital, Lewiston, was honored for its Chemical Dependency Program. An honorary check was presented to Thomas Vurgason, left, program director of Behavioral Medicine at St. Mary's, by Carole Harrison, state president; Helen Lenehan, National Guard; and Betty Houle, hospital chairman.

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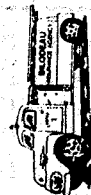
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Plans for a reunion for the class of 1951 at Lewiston High School are being finalized by members of the Planning Committee, from left, front row, Jacqueline Labbe Leclair, Claudette Nadeau Sirois, Eileen Longley Bradbury and Jean Cote; standing, Roland Lecompte, Laurence Fox, Donald Roux, Bruce Pinette and Joseph Gervais. Absent at the time of the picture were Patricia Tardiff Crowley and Raymond Crowley.

Class of '51 plans reunion

LEWISTON — The Planning Committee for the Lewiston High School class of 1951 met recently to finalize plans for its 40th class reunion, which will be held Aug. 10 at the Fairlawn Country Club in Poland.

The social hour will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., dinner served from 8 to 9 p.m. and dancing will follow until 1 a.m.

The committee needs the addresses of the following classmates: Robert Atkins, Louis Brousseau, Carole Carver, Norma Cass, Rena Cloutier, Nancy Cole, Jacqueline Croteau, Rachel Deschenes, Betty

Sturtevant Disessa.

Lucille Dube, Norman Dumont, Irene Ferracci, Theresa Frenette, Raymond Gagnon, Conrad Giguere, Marilyn Boyce Harindon, Ward Keegan, Ralph Lachance, Janice Levine, Joan McCarthy, Guy Nadeau.

Jeannine St. Pierre Oakes, Jeannette Richards, Joyce Russell, Frank Sleeper, Betty Jean Smith, Alton Starbird, Raymond St. Laurent, Carmen Thibault, Frances Vachon, Doris Wheeler and Delores White.

Anyone having current addresses for the above names, please call 783-2473.



JOSE LEIVA/Sun-Journ

LePages celebrate 40th anniversary

LEWISTON — The 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond LePage of 286 Russell Street was celebrated recently at a surprise party, held at their summer home on Tacoma Lake in Litchfield.

The party was given by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lavoie (Lisa), Mr. and Mrs. David LePage, all of Lewiston; Mr. and Mrs. Michael LePage of Blackstone, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. Peter LePage of West Warwick, R.I. Since their daughter Linda and her husband Daniel Cloutier were unable to attend, they had entertained her parents earlier with a special evening at their home in Orange Park, Fla.

The lakefront luncheon celebration was attended by a number of relatives, who honored the couple with many gifts.

Raymond LePage and Rita Charest were married June 30, 1951 at Holy Family Church, where they are still members. In addition to their



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond LePage

five children they have seven grandchildren: Kelley and Jessica Cloutier, Angela, Stephanie and Benjamin LePage, and Joshua and Amanda LePage.

My hero

Three-year-old Jon Saucier of Lewiston moves in for a closer look at his hero, a Ninja Turtle, during the last day of activities in the Multi-Purpose Center's summer playground program.

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Sons of Legion officers

Taking part in installation ceremonies of new officers for the Sons of Legion, Alden M. Gayton American Legion Post 31, were, from left, seated, Charles Michaud, Maine department adjutant and installing officer; Doris Baker, department vice commander; Silvio Martin, Sons of the Legion commander; and Joseph Bartos, past county commander; standing, Michael Ouellette, first vice commander; Jean Belanger, chaplain; Silvio Martin II, sergeant-at-arms; Jim Pelletier, adjutant; and Danny Langlois, second vice commander.



New auxiliary officers

Participating in the installation of new officers for American Legion Post 22 Auxiliary were, from left, seated, Priscilla Chasse, past president; Ann Kezal, installing officer; Connie Day, president; standing, Denise Belanger, historian; Anita Marquis, sergeant-at-arms; Ann Walton, chaplain; Veronique Thibault, secretary; Toni Blouin, first vice president; and Edith Poulin, treasurer.



Ray Berube, who has been in the auto reconditioning business for 13 years, has opened Clean Concepts Detail Center at 902 Center St. in Auburn. Berube was formerly the owner of Auto Pro Reconditioning on Sabattus Street in Lewiston and was also manager of Berube's Car Wash on East Avenue in Lewiston. Clean Concepts offers a variety of services, including hand car washes, interior shampoos, buffing and waxing, motor cleaning or one of Clean Concepts' detailing packages.

Hamels celebrate 40th anniversary

AUBURN — Friends and relatives gathered at the American Legion Post 153 hall on June 30 to honor Emilien and Yolande Hamel of 262 Pleasant St., Lewiston, who were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on that day.

The couple's three children, Steve Hamel, Susan Bowie and Penny Andrews, made the party arrangements, assisted by a granddaughter, Carey Hamel, who also greeted guests as they arrived and supervised the guest book. Their son, Steve, led a toast to his parents.

Decorations included a painting by Steve, depicting various locations of importance to the honor guests, and a collage of photographs of family members and events taken over the past 40 years.

After the buffet luncheon, for which the children and their spouses provided the food, an anniversary cake, made and decorated by their daughter Penny was served. Among their gifts was a cross-stitched sampler of the family tree, made by their daughter, Sue, and a purse of money to be used by the couple for a trip to Ireland this fall.

Among those present were Celine Martel, who had served as maid of honor at the original wedding, and Rita Blais, mother of the guest of honor. The couple danced to their favorite song, "Yesterday."

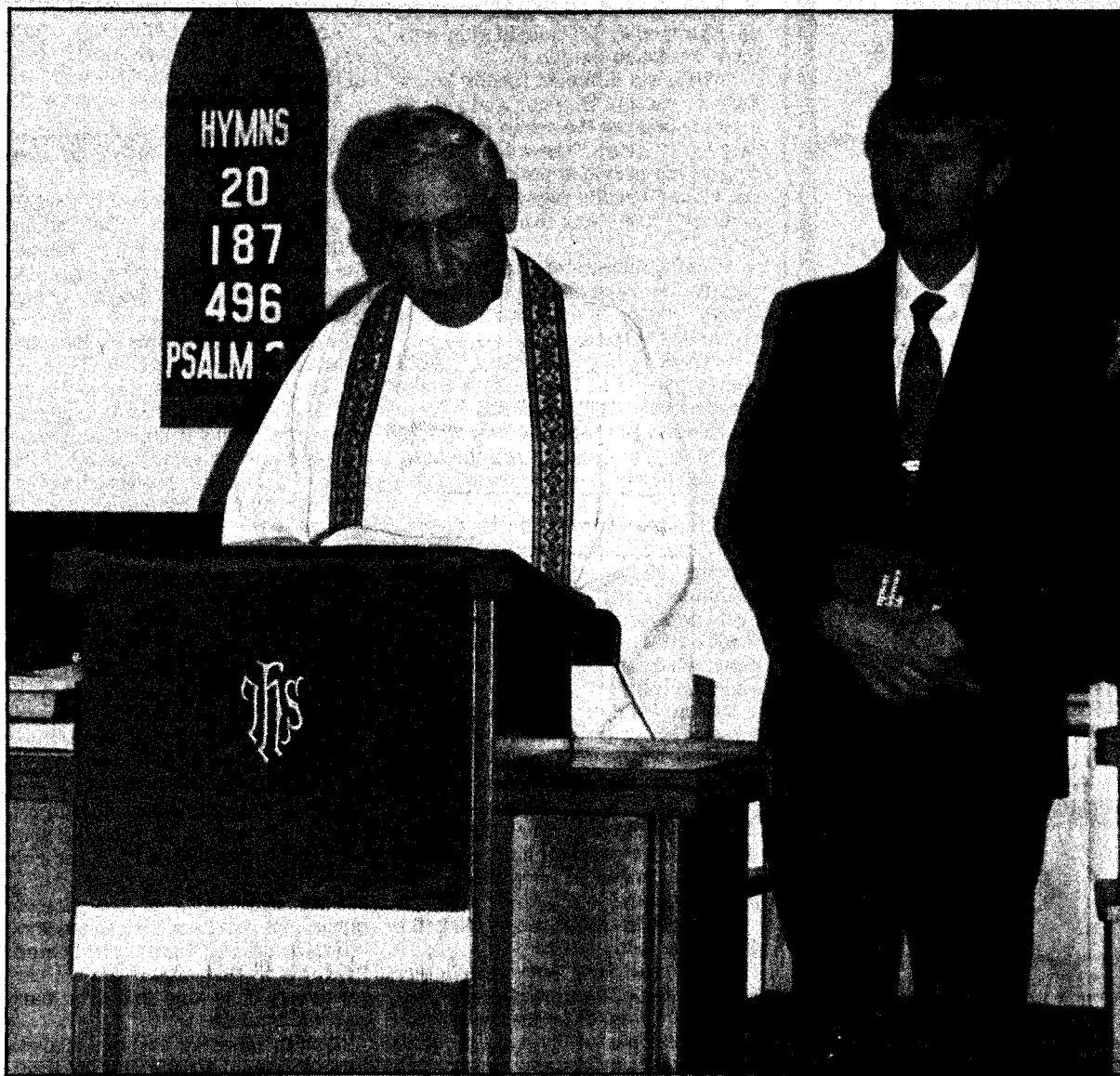
Hamel and the former Yolande



Yolande and Emilien Hamel

Blais were married June 30, 1951, at St. Louis Church, Auburn, where they attended Mass prior to the party. Members of Holy Cross Parish, the couple own and operate R and Y Custom Draperies. He retired June 26 from working in the shoe industry, the last 12 years at Crest Shoe Co.

In addition to their three children, they have six grandchildren, Kim White, Angie White, Robbie Bowie, Sherrie Bowie, Danielle Bowie and Carey Hamel.



JOHN CHAISSON photo

Shared service

Participating in Durham's annual ecumenical worship service, part of Old Home Days, are, left, the Rev. Leopold Nicknair, pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Lewiston, and Ron Parker, pastor of Shiloh Chapel. The service was held at the First Congregational Church, and also participating were the

Rev. George Bovill, pastor of the First Congregational Church, and Ralph Green, pastor of the Friends Meeting Parsonage. The morning's offering will benefit the Lisbon Area Christian Outreach, which provides food, clothing and Bibles for needy people.



Planning special day

Plans are being made for the annual Holy Family Day

Martin, Pauline Footer, Anita LeClair, Gary Sweeney, Don Moroney, Flo Renaud, Leo Renaud, Euclide Bon-

Maine students win medals in national vocational contest

PRESQUE ISLE — For the first time ever, two Maine students won medals for the state at the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America's 27th annual Leadership Conference and U.S. Skill Olympics held recently in Louisville, Ky. The national competition was attended by more than 3,000 gold medalists from 49 states, Canada and Puerto Rico.

Brian Houle, a 1991 graduate of Northern Maine Technical College in Presque Isle and a native of Lewiston, won the first-place gold medal in the college-level sheet metal fabrication competition.

In April Houle won a gold medal in the state-level competition held at Southern Maine Technical College. A 1989 graduate of Lewiston High School, he studied sheet metal for two years at Lewiston Regional Vocational Center.

Houle, who is employed by New England Tech Air in Lewiston, is the son of Pauline A. Houle of Lewiston and the late Reginald E. Houle.

Preston Hitchcock, a 1991 graduate of Washburn High School, who attended the Presque Isle Regional Vocational Center, won a silver medal in the secondary-level carpentry competition. Hitchcock plans to attend NMTC this fall to major in the residential construction program.

Student representatives from both



Brian Houle

NMTC and the regional vocational center had either won first or second place in state competition, thereby winning an opportunity to attend the national competition.

Thirteen competitors and two alternates attended from Presque Isle

Regional Vocational Center, along with Jim Ouellette, Ken Knight and Don Jordan, advisers. NMTC sent eight state winners to Louisville, accompanied by advisers Dennis Albert and Guy Jackson.

The students, all members of VICA, competed in VICA's U.S. Skill Olympics, a national-level competition for students enrolled in trade, industrial, technical and health occupations programs.

Began in 1967, the competition has grown from 54 competitors in three contests to more than 3,000 competitors in 35 contests. More than 1,000 judges from industry determine the students' ratings, and hundreds of state-level VICA leaders and volunteers coordinate logistics and events.

The contests are carefully planned by technical committees made up of representatives of labor and management and are designed to test the skills needed for a successful performance in a given occupational field. Safety practices and procedures — an area of great concern to labor and management alike — are judged and graded and constitute a significant portion of a contestant's score.

The investment by American business and labor in executive time, equipment loaned, supplies donated and tools and scholarships awarded exceed six million dollars.

Birons honored on their 50th

AUBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Biron, 93 Dumont Ave., were the guests of honor at a surprise party celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

More than 150 people attended the dinner party at the Ramada Inn. All of their children, who arranged the celebration, were present — Normand Biron of Dallas, Texas; Diane Lavertu of Lewiston; Larry Biron of Broken Arrow, Okla.; Claire Reinisch of Palos Verdes, Calif.; Claudette Vail, Holliston, Mass.; and Rachel Moine of Torrance, Calif.

Their son, Larry, presided as toastmaster and their granddaughter Anna Reinisch circulated the guest book. The honored couple received a single rose for each of their 16 grandchildren.

Lionel Biron and Jeanne D'Arc Rodrigue were married May 31, 1941, at St. Mary's Church in Lewiston. Both are active in the Holy Cross Parish. She retired in 1982 after being employed 22 years at Bates Mill. He worked at Continental Mill until 1961 and operated a



Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Biron

plumbing and heating firm from 1962 to 1976. He retired in 1981 after five years at Bath Iron Works.

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Leiza Biron of 375 Central Ave., Lewiston, who has been educated at home the last two years, was denied enrollment as a junior at Lewiston High School at Monday night's meeting of the Lewiston School Committee.

Volunteers complete training for work with agency's hospice



Volunteers at Androscoggin Home Health Services who recently completed a hospice course are: first row, from left, Lorraine Bergeron, Pauline Chasse, Rosemarie Wunder, Isabelle Doyon, Gloria Bickford, Phyllis Copp and Mary Haskel; second row, from left, instructors Leslie Shaffer and Janet Stowell, and Rina Lavoie, Annette Glasscock, Connie Blanchard, Elaine Lasky, Dionne Mills, Mary Ellen Allen, Barbara Tracy, Margaret Barrett and Patricia Belanger.



RUSS BULLINGHAM/Sun-Journal

Little Singers welcomed

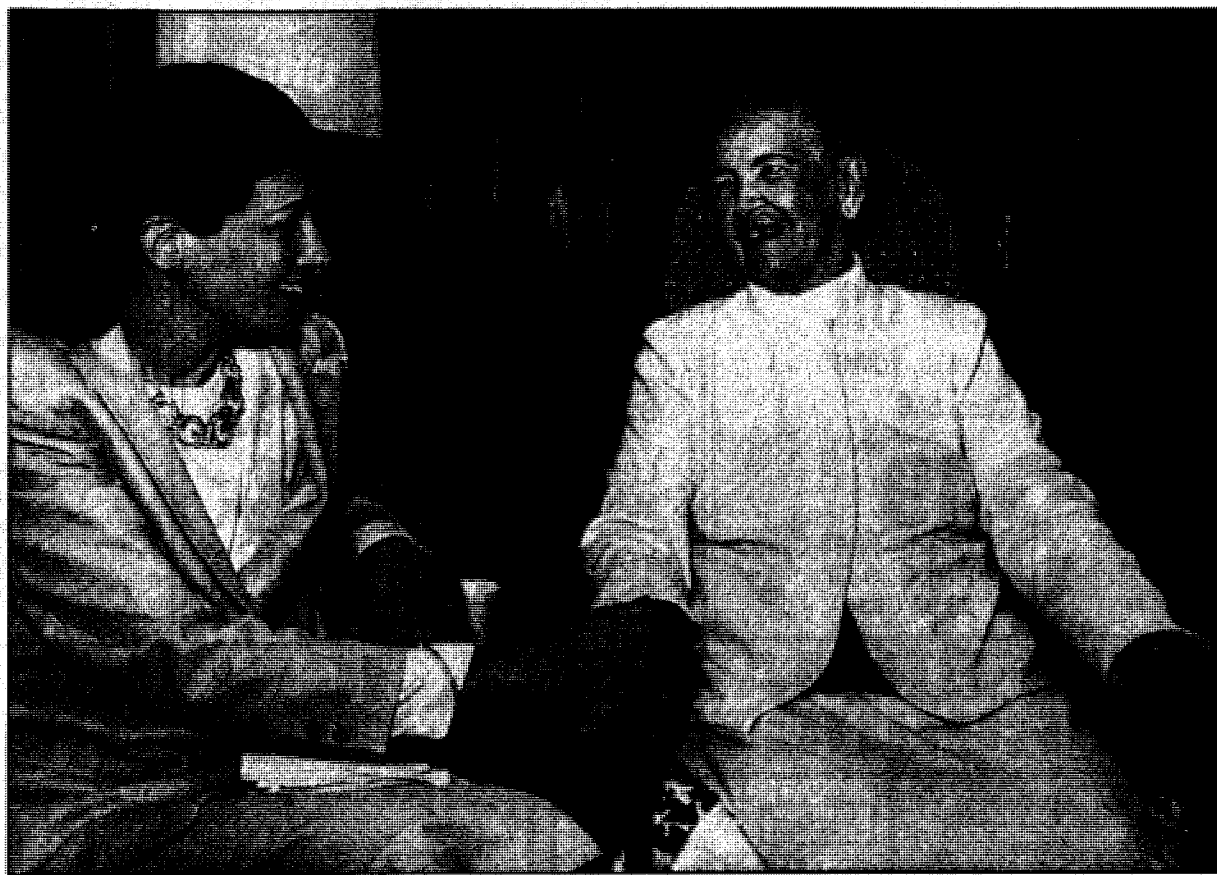
Monique Gagnon of Auburn helps Saori Ikeda with her luggage after the Little Singers of Tokyo arrived in Lewiston Wednesday. The singers will perform tonight at Saints Peter and Paul Church, to benefit the church's restoration project. About 40 children from the 100-member chorus will be staying with local families, including Monique's.



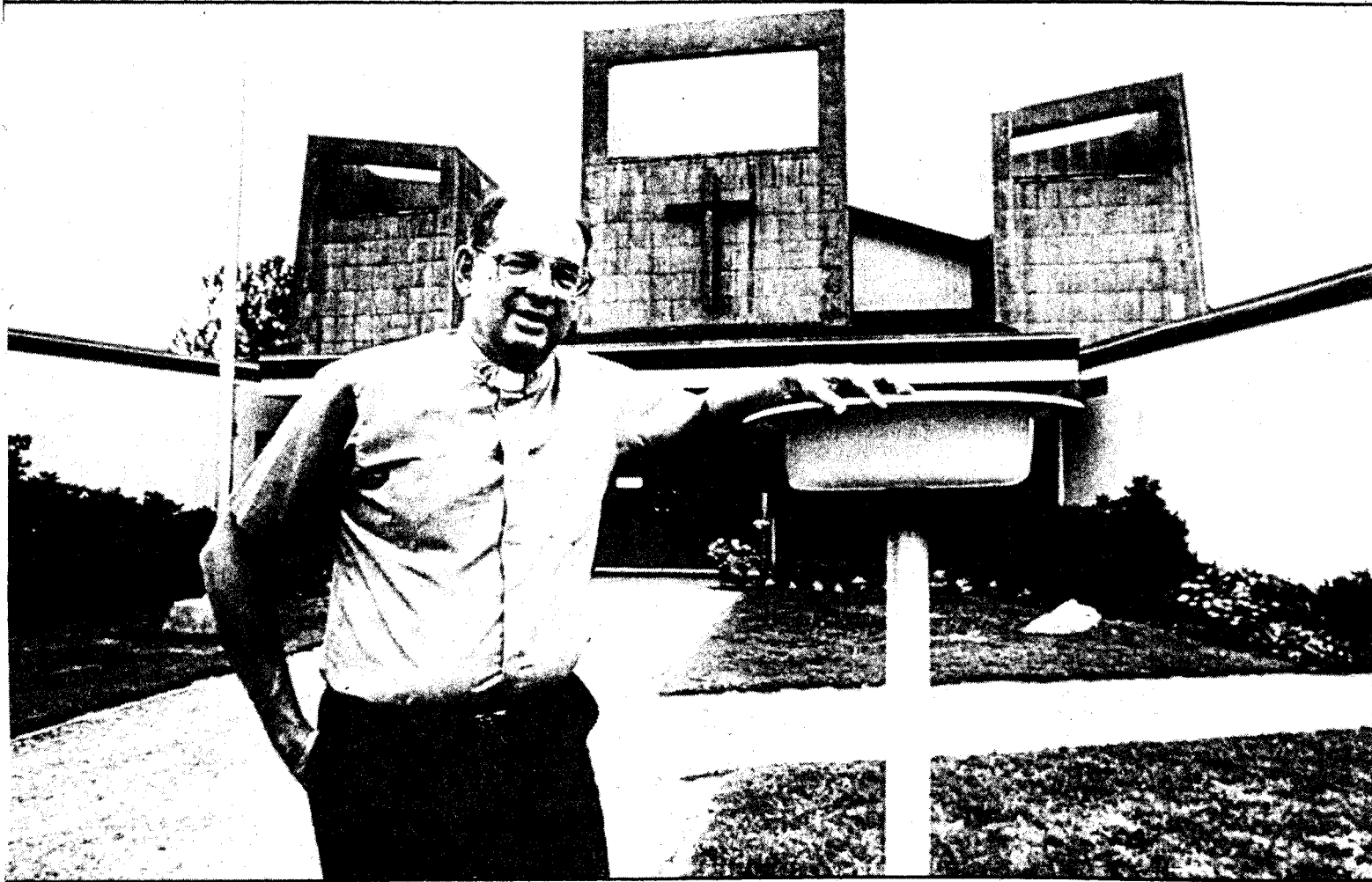
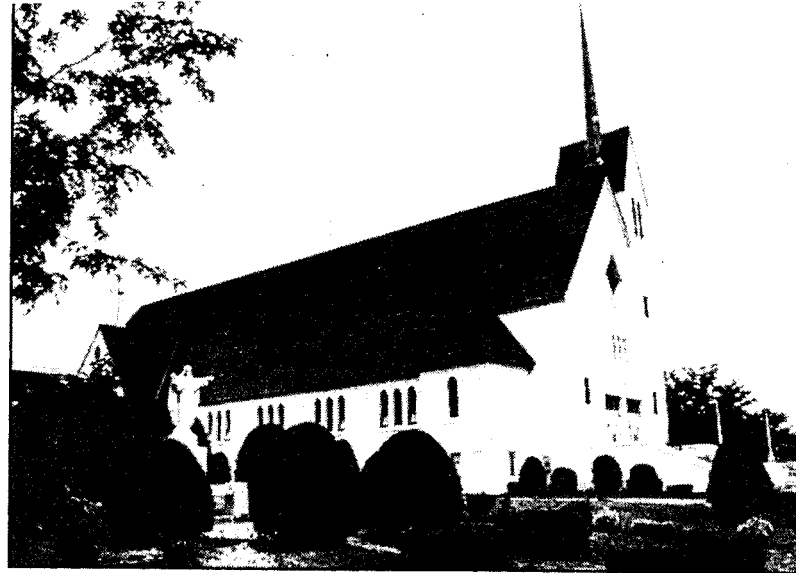
A new slate of officers was installed recently for the Emilien Hamann Disabled American Veterans Unit 11 Auxiliary in ceremonies at the Multi Purpose Center in Lewiston. Participating were, from left, first row, Norma Tuell, past Department Auxiliary commander; Therese Deschenes, unit commander; Reita Payne, Department Auxiliary commander and installing officer. Second row, Josephine Stanton, conductress; Beulah Allen, treasurer; Rejeanne Gosselin, senior vice commander. Third row, Claire Moore, chaplain; Dorothy Shackley, sergeant-at-arms; Flora Bisson, adjutant; Madeline Junkins, junior vice commander.

Snowe visits

Congresswoman Olympia Snowe visits with Rose L'Italian of 141 Cottage St., Lewiston, who is stricken with Alzheimer's disease. Snowe, who has sponsored legislating aimed at helping victims of the disease, visited home-care patients in the area Wednesday for a first-hand look at families needs and the problems they encounter. Mrs. L'Italian is under the care of Roy and Pauline L'Italian.



The Catholic faith is a dominant force in Lewiston-Auburn, where nine Catholic churches serve thousands of worshippers — many of them Franco-American. Dynamic priests, prime locations, and church schools are keeping some parishes in the black. Others rely on their steadfast but dwindling congregations . . . and help from God.



The Rev. Renald Labarre, above, is pastor of St. Philip's Church in Auburn, considered to be one of the city's more active and growing parishes. The congregation at Lewiston's Holy Cross Church, top photo, has grown in recent years to become the largest in the Twin Cities.

RUSS DILLINGHAM and JOSE LEIVA/Sunday photographers

Parishes face changes with optimism

By SUSAN RAYFIELD
Sunday Staff Writer

LEWISTON — The spires of nine Catholic churches soar above the Twin Cities — six in Lewiston, three in Auburn. This is one of the largest Catholic communities in the state, due in part to its sizable Franco-American popula-

"In a bad economy, people's faith tends to be reinforced, and the parish becomes more cohesive. They go to their roots, and they become more generous."

Case in point: the goal for this year's Catholic Charities Appeal drive was \$2.3 million. More than \$2.4 million was pledged.

But factors beyond the economy are at work

said St. Mary's pastor, the Rev. Herve Carrier. "God helps."

Saints Peter and Paul is another inner city church where attendance has declined — from 16,000 people to 4,000 over the years. Many parishioners are elderly; the priests bring Communion to 300 shut-ins a week.

Nonetheless, when parish officials took the

Church from 1B

are flourishing.

Holy Family, on outer Sabattus Street, attracts almost 2,000 families to services, and has two priests and seven full-time staffers.

Holy Cross, on outer Lisbon Street, is "really bustling," according to Mutty. Close to 3,000 families worship there. "We picked up 90 families last year alone," commented the Rev. John L. Audibert, the church's pastor.

What accounts for such a spurt in growth?

Location, for one. Holy Cross is surrounded by a thriving community of business people and professionals.

In addition, Holy Cross School, the largest Catholic school in Maine, attracts many young families. School subsidies provide a further incentive to join the parish. Members receive \$800 toward tuition, and \$350 if students are attending St. Dom's, the only Catholic high school in the Lewiston-Auburn area.

Finally, the church itself exudes a vibrant energy.

"Holy Cross is very spirited, very alive," said Audibert. "There is a stability and continuity with the priests, an openness and progressiveness, and a real sense of participation."

A recent call for help to paint classrooms, he noted, drew 71 volunteers.

Weekend offerings at Holy Cross run an average of \$8,200. However, \$10,000 is needed for the parish to operate freely in the black, and contributions are down \$1,000 a week over last year, Audibert noted.

Another example of a youthful, growing parish is St. Philip's, on Route 4 in Auburn, which Mutty describes as "very dynamic, with a lot of lay person involvement — probably as much so as any church in the state."

The congregation consists of more than 1,000 families, up from 650 when the church was dedicated in 1971.

Eighty-five or so baptisms, and some 35 weddings are performed each year, compared to 15 funerals. Over 500 children attend religious education there. The median age for parishioners is 34.

Located near the town of Turner, where DeCoster egg farm employs



Rev. John Audibert

migrant workers, St. Philip's has welcomed over a hundred Mexican-Americans into its parish, and once a month conducts a service in Spanish.

Although offerings at Masses have remained steady, about \$4,400 a weekend, "with people being laid off, the economy has affected all of us to some extent," remarked the Rev. Renald Labarre, St. Philip's pastor.

Most notably, pledge collections have slowed for the new, recently completed parish center, which doubled the size of the church.

"We started the campaign when the economy was solid, but then it turned sour," Labarre said. "But I find encouragement in people telling us they will pick up their pledges again when things get better."

A church's personality

A pastor's style and personality also plays a role in attracting crowds.

"Nowadays people parish shop," said Mutty. "Protestants always did that, but never Catholics. Before, we defined which parish you belonged to by where you lived. Today, someone living on Howard Street in Lewiston would have no qualms about going to services in Auburn."

Furthermore, the traditional, and not-always-so-friendly rivalry between French and Irish Catholic

churches in the area is breaking down.

When Mutty, a Franco-American, was growing up in Lewiston, "If you were Irish, you would go to an Irish church, never a Franco church," he said.

"I remember my father used to make jokes about the Irish not really being Catholic. And when an Irish friend who was an altar boy persuaded me to attend an Irish church, I always felt I was doing wrong."

Whereas the three Catholic churches in Auburn are widely separated — St. Louis in New Auburn, Sacred Heart on Minot Avenue, and St. Philip's across from Lake Auburn — several in Lewiston are cheek-by-jowl.

St. Joseph's, on Main Street, almost backs into Saints Peter and Paul, on Ash Street, which is a block away from St. Patrick's, on Bates Street.

Elsewhere in the state, two parishes close to each other have sometimes been assigned the same pastor, in a process called twinning. Such a thing happened to St. Dominic's and Sacred Heart in Portland two years ago.

In the northern part of the state, a few Catholic churches have actually closed or merged. "We do that very reluctantly," said Mutty. "Only when the population becomes too small to sustain the parish."

However, there has been no talk of twinning or merging parishes in Lewiston-Auburn, according to the Rev. Michael Henschel, chancellor of the Portland Diocese.

"If a community has its own strong Catholic identity, even if a priest is being removed from the parish, we would try to maintain the integrity of the community," he said.

According to Henschel, talk of merging is tied more to a shortage of priests than to the slower economy.

A 1990 diocesan study estimates that 50 priests will have reached the retirement age of 70 between 1991 and the year 2,000, far fewer than will probably be ordained.

"Historically, many churches with two priests would have had three or four," Mutty said. "Some of that relocation is already taking place."

In the future, some may only have one pastor, who is responsible for two churches, which will be much more traumatic.

"We can see it coming."

Lewiston native will appear on 'Oprah' show on Monday

By BETTY H. LIBBY
Special to the Sun-Journal

NEW YORK — Like many Lewiston natives, English was not Anita Cloutier De la Garza's first language. But it is the one she will be arguing for when she appears on the Oprah Winfrey Show Monday.

De la Garza, a 1955 St. Dominic High School graduate and director of Mothers of Multicultural English (MOME), will argue for making English the official language of this country for official government business when she appears on a panel on the syndicated program.

"English is not my own first language," she said Friday, "but it has enabled me to advance in my career and raise five English-speaking children, all of whom are bilingual."

MOME (pronounced mommy) is a New York-based group, she said, recently organized to insure that the United States continues to maintain its broad range of ethnicities and dialects while promoting English fluency at the same time.

"This country is wonderful .. a

melting pot," she said, describing her purpose as simply "to insure that those who immigrate here in search of greater opportunities are not denied their dreams because they don't have strong basic education in English communication skills."

"They have to learn early on so they can stay in the system and move ahead."

The movement has generated some controversy, however. The 500-member body is being challenged by groups like the Puerto Rican Black Caucus and a contingent of City University of New York professors who support a plan to allow high school students to be graduated in their native language.

De la Garza's career has been firmly rooted in her own Franco-American background. She emphasizes that her movement respects and encourages people to learn as many languages as they desire, but argues that mastery of English is key if newcomers to this country hope to achieve professional and financial goals.

MOME comes to national attention

as New York proposes a new academic agenda that would incorporate courses that teach children about the various perspectives, contributions and sufferings of different ethnic groups.

A similar program in California provides the model for the alternative focus and has raised concerns about the potential for racial hatred and segregation.

De la Garza has taught at Columbia University's American Language Program and Fordham University, and has published several articles.

She advocates combining education with entertainment in what she calls "educainment." In talking about her own multicultural background in Lewiston, she makes her point in references to her experience at St. Dom's, where she first became interested in theater performance. Her belief that the performance background is key to her work is perhaps borne out in that she has a program on Manhattan television and has created a series of cassettes for use in high schools.

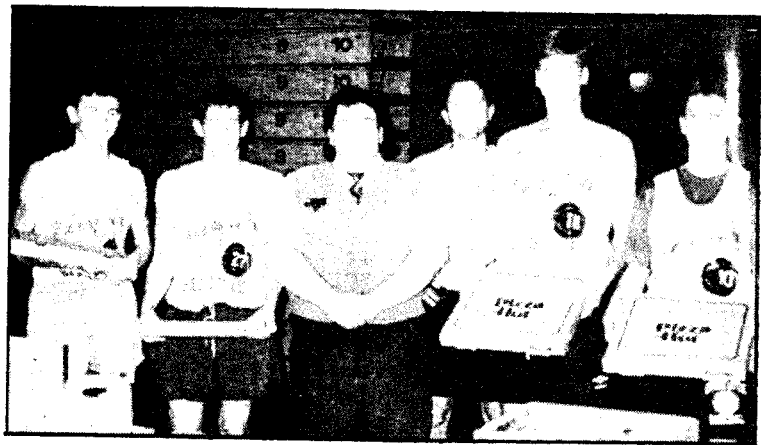
De la Garza is fluent in 10 lan-



Anita Cloutier De la Garza

guages and holds a Ph.D. in Human Linguistics Communication. She says she is promoting a concept that, contrary to some accusations, is neither Europeancentric nor Anglophilic.

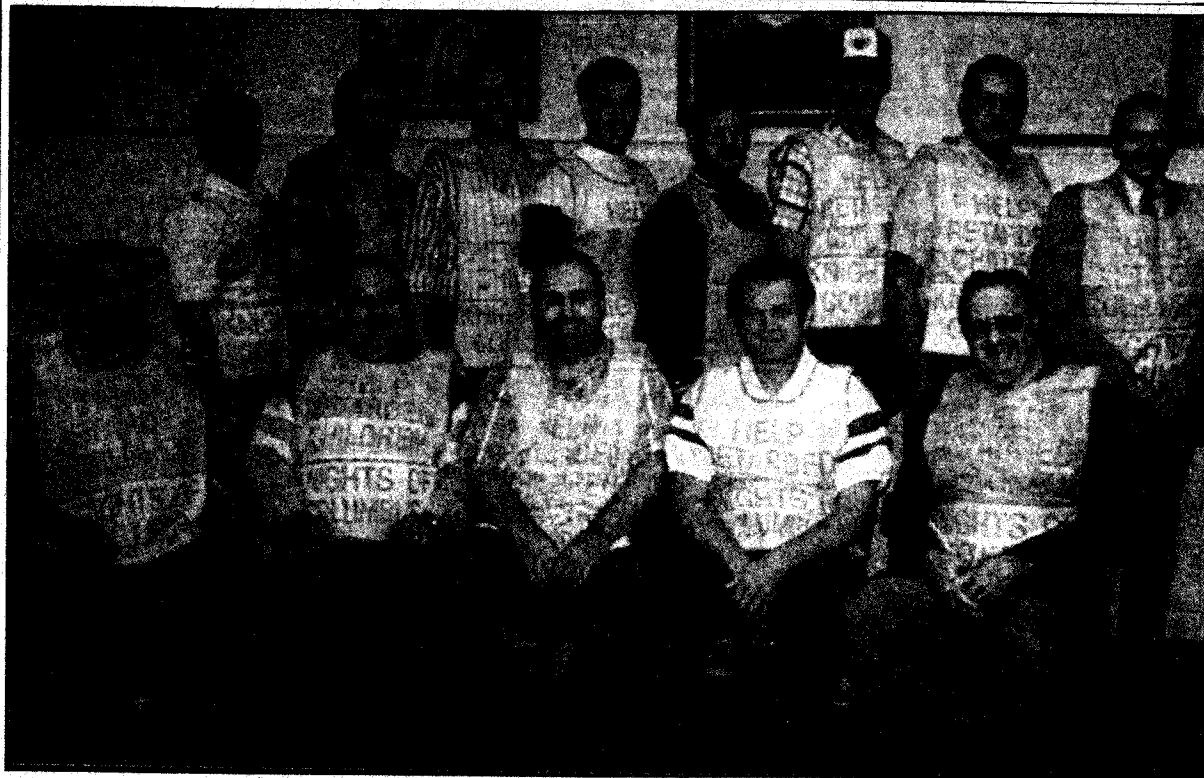
De la Garza's appearance on the Oprah Winfrey Show will be aired on WMTV-TV, Channel 8, at 4 p.m. Monday.



Pizza party

Lewiston Pizza Hut Manager Chris Gosselin is flanked by Edward Little High School varsity basketball players just prior to a pizza party as part of the Auburn Invitational Matchup tournament held this week at the ELHS gym. Pizza Hut provided pizza and soda to all players and coaches who participated in the four-team event. The Eddies and Rams squared off in the championship game Wednesday. Left to right are Daryan Saunders, Rick Brouillette, Gosselin, coach John Griffith, Dane Pomerleau and Corey Woodhead.

LINDA GALWAY photo



Touting Tootsie Rolls

Knights of Columbus councils 1019 and 9881 are joining together for the annual Tootsie Roll drive, to be held Oct. 11 and 12 at various locations throughout Lewiston to raise funds for the mentally handicapped. Working on the project are, from left, first row, Grand Knight Ray Gagne, Norm Blais, Robert

Berube, Grand Knight Rodney Woodrum and District Deputy Maurice Mailloux; second row, Ron Ouellette, Dave Lamoreau, Dan Bosse, Steve Boulet, Pete Arsenault, Richard Gagnon, Jack Coady and Roland Johnsen.



CHUCK REICHEL/Sun-Journal

French Consul visits Lewiston

Mayor James Howaniec, left, is shown with Laurent Rapin, the French Consul from Boston, who came to Lewiston Wednesday for a reception and discussion with local government and business leaders in the community.

Organist to be honored

LEWISTON — Today Esther M. Gagnon celebrates 50 years as parish organist at Holy Cross Church, on Lisbon Street.

A Mass of thanksgiving will take place at 4 p.m., followed by a banquet in the parish hall at 5:30 p.m., with family and friends.

"What a wonderful accomplishment," remarked Father John Audibert, Holy Cross pastor, Saturday. "Esther's entire ministry has been a role model for all of us in what it means to be Christ-like. She is a kind, loving and genuine person who has always looked out for minorities and those on the fringe."

"She is one in a million," Audibert said, "and we want to assure her of our prayerful support, our warmest wishes, and our unending love."

Born in Livermore Falls, Gagnon has been a Lewiston resident and organist at Holy Cross since 1941.

From 1943 until she retired in 1971, she was secretary to the city of Lewiston's financial controller.

In 1982, Gagnon was named Outstanding Layperson by the Lewiston-Auburn Center of Parish Ministry for her 40 years of service to Holy Cross.

She has been a member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Secular

St. Leo's Chapel to note 25th year

By ANNE MORIN

Special to the Sun-Journal

LITCHFIELD — St. Leo's Chapel will observe its 25th anniversary on Sunday with a special Mass celebrated by the Rev. John Bellfontaine at 8 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. Ronald Schmit, was hospitalized recently and it is hoped that the official celebration of the chapel's 25th year will take place when Fr. Schmit assumes his duties again.

After the Mass on Sunday, cake and coffee will be served but the congregation has decided to postpone a bigger celebration until Fr. Schmit returns.

Reggie Gastonguay recalled his experiences of getting the chapel for the Litchfield area.

Reggie and his wife presently live in Monmouth, but in 1954 they moved from Lewiston to live year round on the Tacoma Lakes (Sand Pond) Region of Litchfield. It was here that he met the Hickey sisters (Agnes, Helen and Marion), who summered on the Tacoma Lakes, Denis Caron and the Dennises who lived on Dennis Hill Road in Litchfield, a Mr. Rommel of West Gardiner, and other Catholic families who lived in the Lakes Region in Monmouth and Litchfield who were interested in attending Mass locally.

Reggie remembers that every Friday night the Hickey sisters (Agnes was the head secretary for a big law firm in Boston, Ellen was the head secretary for the president of United Shoe in Boston, Ellen was the head secretary for the French Consulate) would come up from Boston on the Greyhound bus and he would pick them up at Seavey's in Auburn on the corner of Court Street and Washington Avenue.

From there he would take them to do their groceries for the weekend, then bring them up to their cottage on Sand Pond. Every Sunday morning they would ride up to church with Reggie and his wife.

Reggie recalled that Mass was originally celebrated at the Litchfield Grange Hall (since burned) during mid-June 1960 until Labor Day by the Rev. Andrew Kelleher. Reggie remembers Fr. Kelleher as a jolly happy Irishman who spoke perfect Parisian French and who endeared himself to everyone.

The desire to find a site and build a suitable building to meet in slowly started to kindle within the hearts of those original faithful Catholics who met each Sunday. All seemed lost however when Fr. Kelleher died later that year, having suffered severe burns when his vestments brushed

against an altar candle during Mass and caught fire.

The Rev. Paul Gleason served as the celebrant from 1961 until September 1964 when he was succeeded by the Rev. Lionel McKeone. As Reggie recalls, Fr. McKeone was caught up in the movement with the parishioners to build a chapel for Fr. McKeone could see that the continued development of the lake frontage in this region would certainly support a chapel. Along about this time, following Vatican II, the Sunday Mass obligation could also be fulfilled on Saturday afternoons.

Back in September 1965 Reggie remembers that he helped the Hickey sisters close up their cottage as usual and drove them to Seavey's to catch their bus back to Boston. "I got a call on Thanksgiving Day on Thursday 1965 from Boston to pick up one of the girls at Seavey's that afternoon. There was snow on the ground and their camp was closed for the winter. I asked Marion if she wanted me to bring her to my house." She said, "No, would you take me to Gardiner?" she asked, where she wanted to visit friends by the name of Talbot.

"I got a call Saturday night from Fr. McKeone from Richmond. He told me, 'St. Leo is on the way.' Father McKeone had explained, I just got a \$5,000 negotiable bond from Marion Hickey. Monday morning I am going up to see the Bishop in Portland."

According to Reggie that \$5,000 brought \$6,000. That was the first money for St. Leo's and from then on the money grew and grew. St. Leo's was definitely on the way.

Fr. McKeone bought the first 100 by 300 parcel of land for the original chapel that would seat 240 people and cost \$29,600. Ground was broken in April 1966. Reggie remembers that Amedee Bolduc built the beautiful chapel with the help of several others, including himself who worked four days a week on the chapel and Dennis Caron who worked daily on the chapel as well as running his farm.

On Sept. 15, 1970, Fr. McKeone was transferred and the Rev. Lucien Grondin became pastor of the St. Ambrose Parish in Richmond and St. Leo's Mission in Litchfield. By this



time St. Leo's was bursting at the seams. Loudspeakers had to be installed so that the people gathered outside could hear the Masses.



St. Peter's news team

This year St. Peter's School, Lewiston, will publish a monthly newspaper for students. Reporters who have been busy gathering stories for the September issue are, from left, front row, Laurie Langlais, grade six; and Angela Burke, grade three; back row, Peter Chamberlain, grade four; Amber Caron, grade five; Lynn Thibault, grade eight; and Jill St. Denis, grade seven.



New staff members

In addition to many new students, Holy Cross School welcomed three new staff members for the 1990-91 academic year. Pictured from left are Sister Arlene Legere, who has assumed her duties at the junior high level; Jane McGuire, kindergarten; and Mrs. Lisa Williams, first grade. The school now has 20 homeroom classes comprised of three kindergarten and three first-grade levels, in addition to two classes each of grades two through eight.



Receives president's pin

Roger Mailhot, right, who will serve as president of the Lewiston-Auburn Richelieu Club for 1991-92, received his president's pin during a recent meeting of the club at Marco's Restaurant. Making the presentation is the current president, Robert Ducharme, center, and at left is Gerald Burpee, who has assumed the post of vice president. Secretary-treasurer is Raymond Lemay and serving on the board of directors are Mario Gendron, Roger Bouffard, Tom Grenier, Germain Letourneau and Guy Pelletier.



Firefighters help out

The Lewiston Firefighters Fund-Raising Committee of the National Association of Fire Fighters, recently donated the Martin de Porres Residence in Lewiston, a non-profit residence offering temporary accommodations for the homeless in need. Presenting Brother Irene Richard, right, with from left, committee member Victor Gaudreau and Louis Paul M. Leclair.



New division elects officers

A group of Lewiston-Auburn residents has organized Maine's newest American Heart Association division. The goal of the group is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular disease and stroke. Officers recently elected are, seated, Dr. Michael Lemieux, president; standing, from left, Diana Danella, vice president; and Connie Duchette, secretary. Committee chairs are Don Lemieux, development; Kim Drott and Nora Bishop, communications; and Pamela Kay, programs. The group has made plans to sponsor several informational programs and fund-raising events.



Linda Gamache, left, chosen CNA of the Year by her co-workers at d'Youville Pavilion, is a nominee for the Maine Health Care Association award. She was recognized at ceremonies honoring certified nursing assistants and medical technicians. At right is Roger Dumont, vice president of Extended Care for the Sisters of Charity Health System.

Luncheon fete marks 60 years

AUBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Pelletier of 200 Stetson Road, Auburn, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently at a surprise luncheon at Schooner Estates.

The couple were married July 20, 1931, at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Lewiston. They resided in Lewiston until a few years ago.

The couple have one daughter, Mrs. Romeo (Therese) Labbe of Cheshire, Conn., and two grandchildren, Nancy and Mark Labbe of Meriden, Conn.



Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Pelletier

Earns doctorate

Joline Blais, daughter of Lucille Blais Barrett of 42 Louise Ave., Lewiston, and the late Raymond Blais, received her doctorate in August from the University of Pennsylvania. She has accepted the position of visiting assistant professor in the English department at Vassar College. She received the Outstanding Young Woman of America award and was nominated for "Who's Who in America" for 1991. A 1978 graduate of Lewiston High School, Blais received a bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Harvard University and a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.



Silver anniversary is celebrated

AUBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Blais were the guests of honor recently at a party held in observance of their silver wedding anniversary.

Arrangements for the celebration, which took place at No Tomatoes restaurant, were made by the couple's children, Brenda and Thomas Sawyer.

The couple were presented with flowers, money, gifts and a wishing well of cards. Close friends and relatives were in attendance.

Blais and the former Eleanor Fleury were married Aug. 5, 1966. She is involved with the American Association of Retired Persons and private duty nursing. Mr. and Mrs. Blais are the owners of Fashion Lane Uniforms on Main Street, Lewiston, which he manages.



Donald and Eleanor Blais

Guests attended from Auburn, Lewiston, Rumford, Dixfield and Ohio.

Auburn church to be rededicated

AUBURN — After months of waiting, an Auburn church community will be celebrating the official opening of its "new church".

A rededication of the extensively renovated Sacred Heart Church will take place Sunday at 4 p.m.

Celebrant and homilist at the Mass will be the Most Rev. Joseph J. Gerry, O.S.B., Bishop of Portland.

Rev. Conrad L'Heureux, pastor of Sacred Heart and Rev. Maurice P. Plourd, former pastor will be concelebrants.

The parish community choir has prepared special music for the Mass.

According to L'Heureux, approximately 40 priests will be in attendance at the late afternoon ceremony. In addition, special guests will be the Sisters of St. Joseph de Lyon. The Sisters were teachers at Sacred Heart School until it was closed in 1972.

Following the rededication there will be a dinner at the Ramada Inn in Lewiston. Speakers at the dinner will be Nancy Bancroft, a former student at the school, and Father Maurice Plourde. Tickets for the dinner are available at the rectory by calling 782-8096.

The rededication ceremony, a blessing of the church, has been scheduled because the renovations have been so substantial, L'Heureux said. "It's become a new church," he said.

Major renovations to the church have not been made since some upgrading was done in the late 1960s, L'Heureux explained.

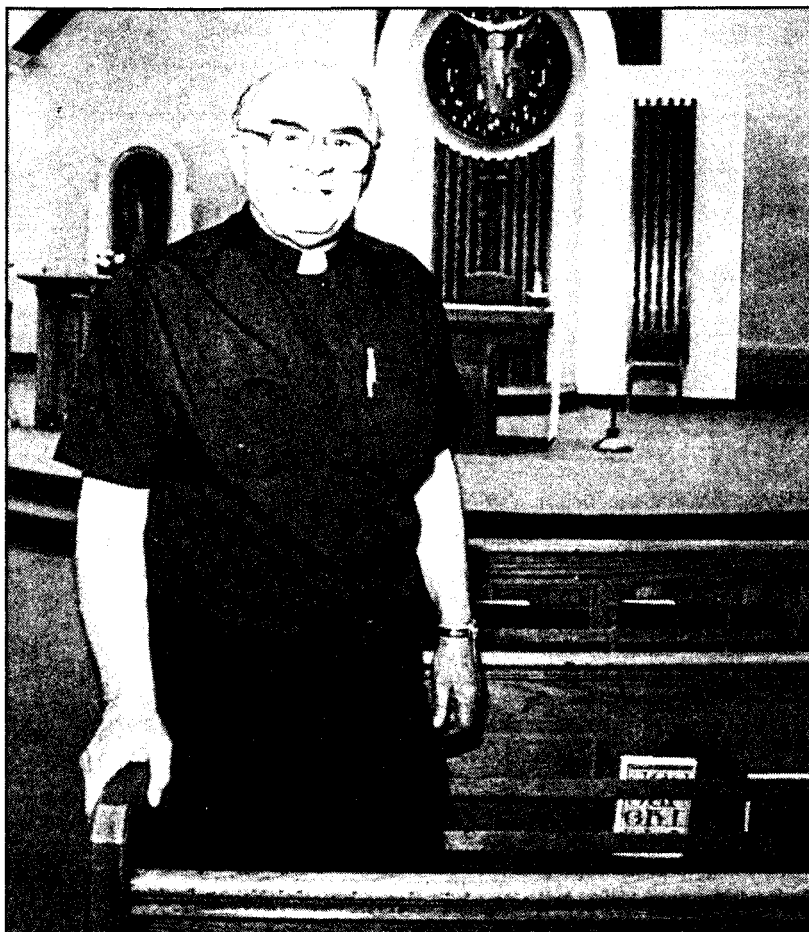
Extensive remodeling of the parish hall was completed in 1988 and on Jan. 2 of this year, work began on the inside of the church to completely turn around the interior, the sanctuary now being at the Western Avenue end of the church.

The altar and all the furniture in the sanctuary are new, having been hand-crafted in Montreal, L'Heureux said.

A spacious new entrance has been built on the side facing the parking lot, which makes the church wheelchair accessible.

The first Mass was celebrated in the new church on March 27 and the services of Holy Week and Easter were celebrated in the new surroundings.

The parish of Sacred Heart was founded in 1923 with the congregation



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The Rev. Conrad L'Heureux of Sacred Heart Church.

primarily people of French-Canadian descent.

Earlier that year, the Rev. John Kealy of St. Joseph's Church in Lewiston had purchased the land and buildings at Minot and Western avenues in Auburn, known as the Charles Vickery Homestead.

The seven-acre property cost \$16,500 and the buildings were converted into a place of worship with the stable serving as the chapel and the main house becoming the rectory. The original farmhouse still serves as the rectory, although it has been modernized.

The Rev. George M. Poirier was appointed the first pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, where services were conducted in French and English. Poirier served until 1925 when he was transferred to Springvale. The sec-

ond pastor was the Rev. Edouard Nadeau, an Auburn native, who served the parish for one year and then was assigned to Madawaska.

In 1926, the Rev. Armand J. Chabot, also an Auburn native, became the third pastor of Sacred Heart. It was during Chabot's pastorate that the brick church was built. Chabot officiated at the first Mass celebrated in the new church on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 24, 1938. He gave 20 years of service to the parish before he was reassigned to St. Mary's Church in Lewiston.

Coming to Auburn in 1946, the Rev. Emmanuel R. Grondin was the fourth pastor of the church and envisioned the need for a parochial school. The first section of Sacred Heart School was constructed in 1952 for grades one through three. Gron-

School activities



New look

Holy Cross School received a face lift during the summer vacation. The main entrance has a new look with fresh paint and carpeting and 10 classrooms plus a basement corridor have been painted. From left, Stephanie Dumais, Ryan Goulet, Danielle Ouellette and Amanda Briggs stand in front of the newly designed Spirit Room showcase. The display case, which was formerly used as a trophy case, now displays items available in the school store, such as a wide variety of school imprinted products and basic school supplies.

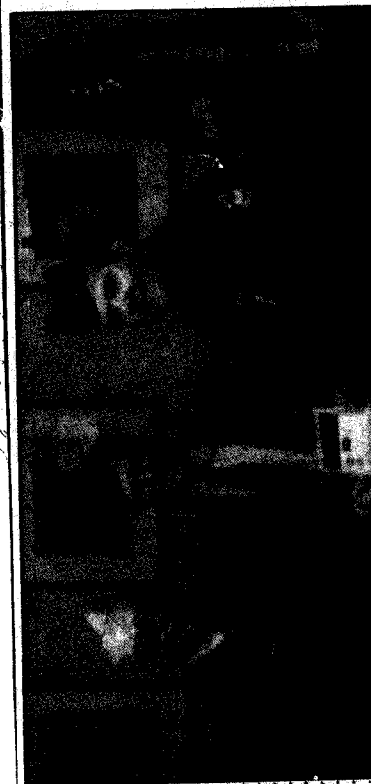


Party features 'beast feast'

Getting in the mood for a family Halloween costume party at the YWCA are, from left, Erika Lebel, Callie Hird and Allison Turcotte, who attend the YWCA preschool program. The party, which will be held Wednesday at the 130 East Ave. facility from 6 to 8 p.m., will feature a "beast feast" with treats such as spider cider and deadly doughnuts, games and a costume contest. The cost is \$2 for children (ages 4 to 13 are invited) and \$4 for adults. Reservations may be made by calling 795-4050.

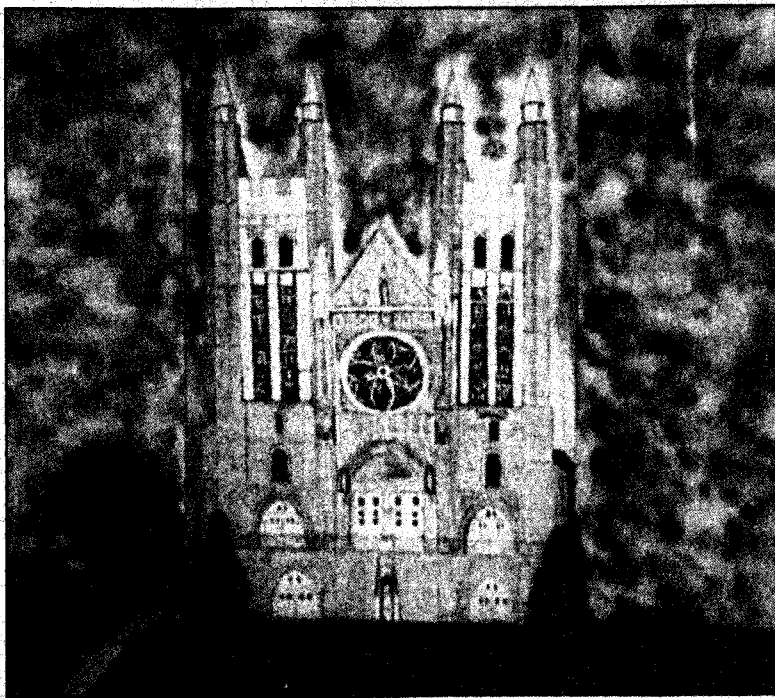


Cub Scout Scott Morency, left, of Den 6 and his brother Craig, right, display their pumpkin man, which won first place for most original in a pumpkin decorating contest. The contest was part of the Halloween activities held at Holy Cross Church by Cub Scout Pack 116. They are the sons of Paul and Diane Morency of Lewiston.



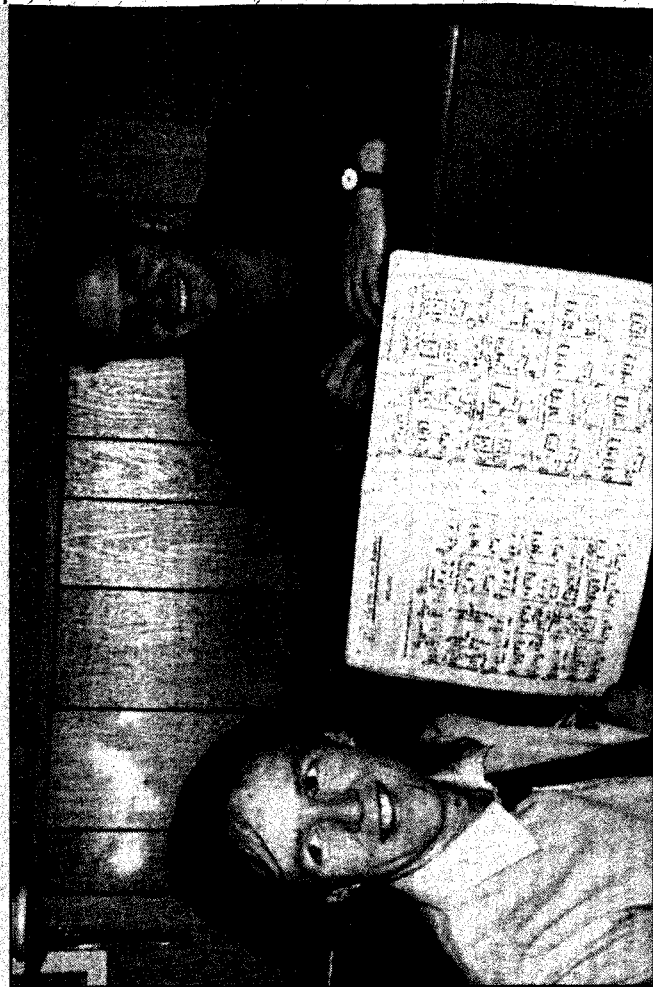
First-time hosts

The Franco American War Veterans Post 31 will be the host group for a national Franco American War Veterans convention at Ramada Inn Convention Center on Oct. 25, 26 and 27. In preparation of this event, Lewiston Mayor James Howantec, center, was presented a copy of the 59th national convention booklet. National Commander Raymond Boulet is at the left and Post 31 Commander Robert Levesque is at the right. This is the first time the national convention has been held in Lewiston.



For restoration fund

A mural of Saints Peter and Paul Church, painted by Bates College student Marc Marr, will be the focal point in the decorations used at a benefit dinner dance on Oct. 19 at the Multi-Purpose Center, 145 Birch St., Lewiston. The proceeds from the event, which is sponsored by the Lewiston Knights of Columbus Council 106, will be donated to the church's \$2½ million renovation project. Activities get under way with a social hour at 6 p.m., preceding dinner at 7 p.m. The Moon Dawgs will provide live music for dancing and, during the evening, those who wish may enjoy games in the casino room. An auction will also be conducted. Donations are being sought from businesses and individuals to help with the restoration and these may be made by calling 783-3161 or 784-6236 or mailed to the Church Restoration Fund, Knights of Columbus, 150 East Ave., Lewiston.



Louis-Philippe Gagne and Ray Dumont, are Lewiston men making music with Lyric Theatre production of "George M." which is opening tonight in South Portland.

Lewiston man is George M.

By BETTY LIBBY

Sun-Journal staff writer

SOUTH PORTLAND Ray Dumont, a Lewiston native, will play the title role in the Lyric Theater production of "George M." opening tonight at the Sawyer Street playhouse.

Louis-Philippe, another well known Lewiston talent, is the musical director of this tribute to George M. Cohan, who presided over the musical comedy stage for more than fifty years, starting in 1880.

The production features 27 of the more memorable songs written by Cohan, and covers details of his fascinating career through 1940 when he starred in his last Broadway success.

"It (the play) is a must see the music makes you feel so good," promises Louis-Philippe, recalling the rousing Cohan tunes that include "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Over There," and "Give My Regards to Broadway."

Though the Lewiston men are related and both have been on the local theater scene for several years, this is the first time they have worked together. Louis-Philippe explains that his grandmother, Ernestine Gagne, and Ray's grandfather, Lucien Hamann are sister and brother. "But the first time I saw Ray work was last spring when he did 'Singing in the Rain' ... he's extremely talented."

Noting Dumont's slight stature as well as his dancing talent, Louis-Philippe recalled that "Cohan always felt he was shorter than everyone else .. and was .. and all of the members in this cast are taller than Ray."

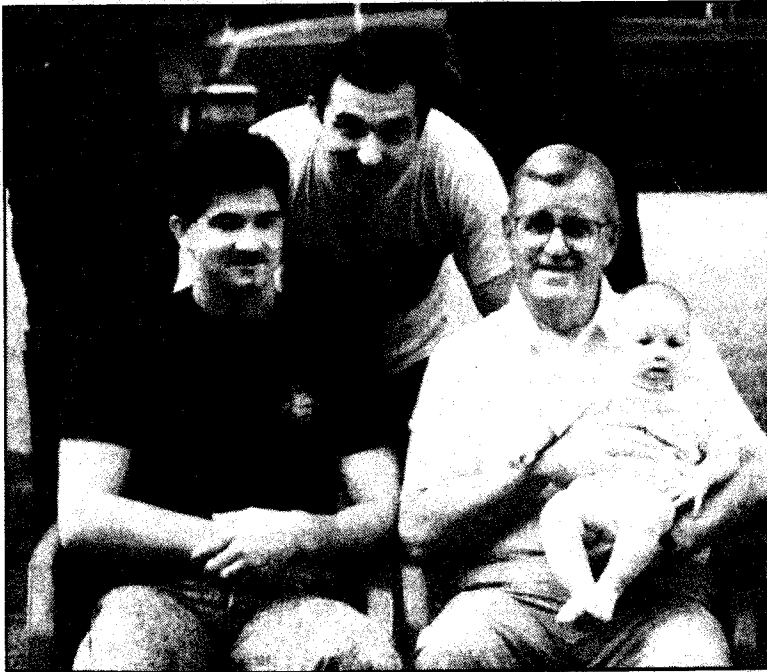
Linwood Dyer is book director and choreographer. Producers are Barbara Ware and Cheryl Bartlett.

The song and dance production will be performed at 8 p.m. on Sept. 27, 28, Oct. 4, 5, 11, and 12 with 2 o'clock matinees on Sunday, Sept. 29, Oct. 6, and 13.



Quartette to entertain

A musical program, featuring the Radio City Junction women's bershop quartette of Gardiner, will be presented at the Monday meeting of St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary on the second floor at Maison Marc



Generations gather

While Keith and Tina Proteau and son Andrew visited here from Anchorage, Alaska, these two four-generation photos were taken during a family gathering at his parents' home at 10 St. Pierre St., Lewiston. At the top Andrew is being held by his great-grandfather, Lionel Proteau. His father, Keith, is seated at the left and his grandfather, Larry Proteau, is in back. In the group at the bottom, Andrew is in the lap of great-grandfather Guy F. Donohue with his dad at the left and his grandmother, Carol Donohue Proteau, in back. Keith and Tina Proteau are both stationed at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage and this is their first visit to Maine in three years.



New officers

New officers for the Smokers' Rights Group, elected at a recent meeting at Holiday Lanes, are, from left, seated, Rick Gagnon, vice president, and Buzz B. Cormier, president; standing, Doris Derape, secretary, Diane Gendron, treasurer, and Susan Mitchell, field representative. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13.



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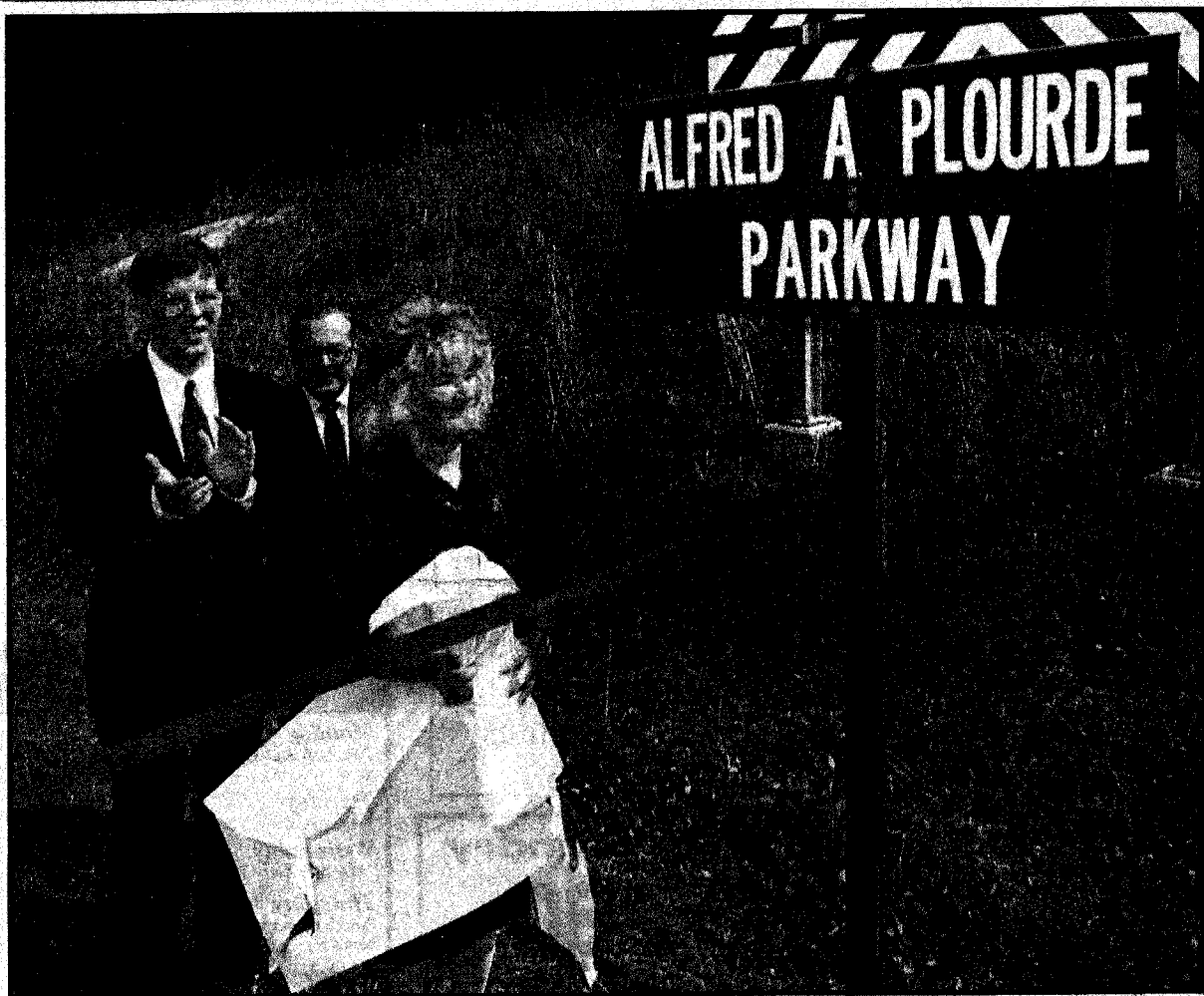
The Lewiston Order of Elks recently presented membership pins to several longtime members. From left are John Telow, 48 years; Exalted Ruler Maurice Mailloux, and Robert Roy, 50 years. Also receiving pins were Robert Saindon, 45 years; Sam Michaels, 55 years; H.L. Gosselin, Charles Asselin and Aime Asselin, 40 years.

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Plourde Parkway dedicated

A new turnpike connector road named for former Lewiston Mayor Alfred A. Plourde is officially opened by Plourde's widow, Janice, Wednesday as current Mayor James Howaniec, left, and Maine Turnpike Commission Chairman Robert K. Pacios watch. The new road allows access from Lisbon Street to Cot-

tage Road through the Exit 13 interchange, providing a direct route to the interstate from South Park and Turnpike Industrial Parks. Wednesday was also the first day of a new no-ticket toll system on the northern two-thirds of the road. Story, page 28.



Auxiliary officers

Officers for the coming season were elected recently by the Androscoggin Valley Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. They are, from left, front row, Marguerite Berube, recording secretary; Vickie Levesque, financial secretary; Sue Lavole, president;

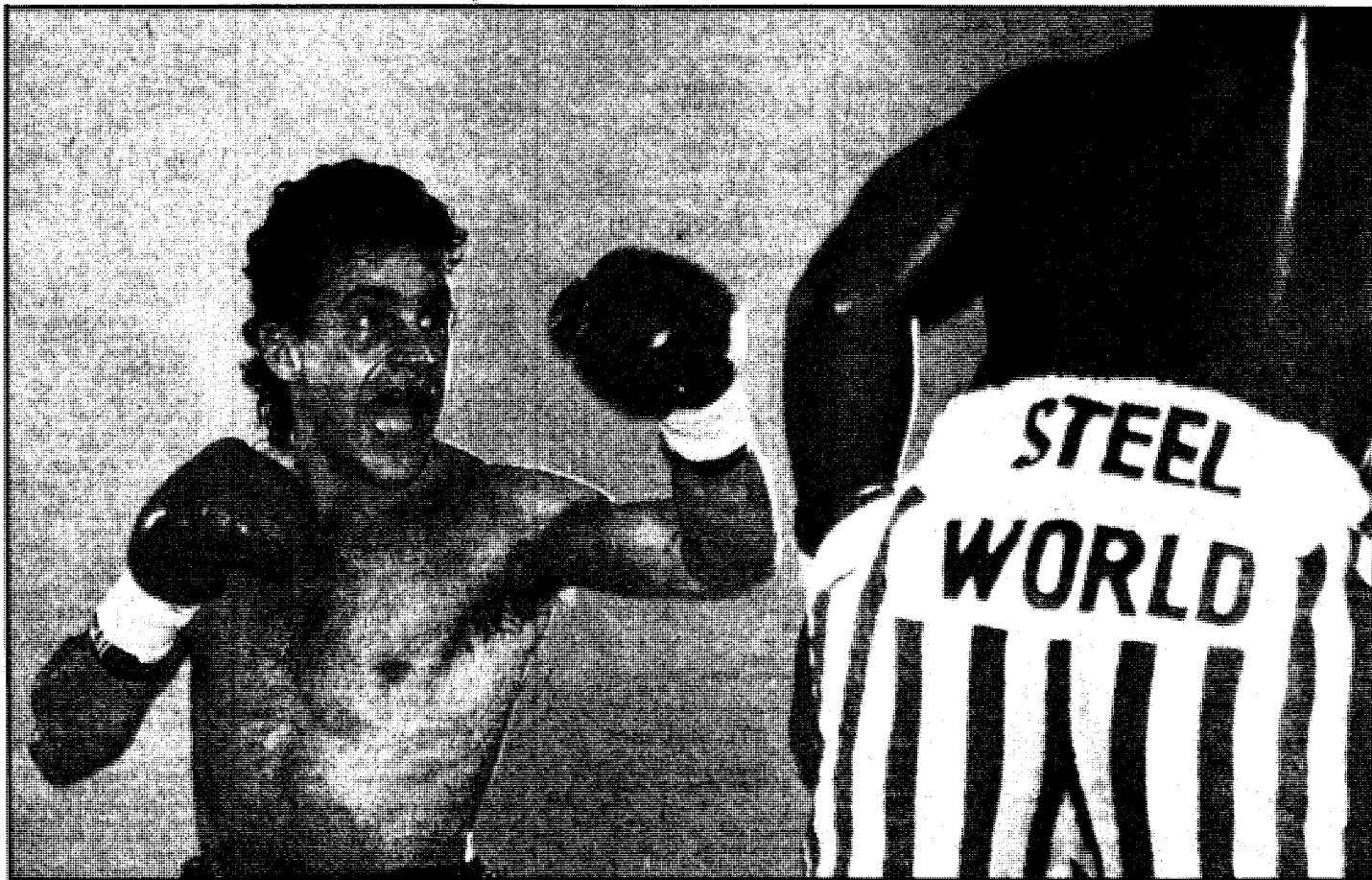
Janet Bishop, vice president; and Rolande Dube, treasurer; back row, Claudette Morency, guard; Cecile Bishop, trustee; Jeannine Peyser, lecturer; Mary Simpson, public relations; Pat Bouchard, trustee; Kay Gray, guard; and Louise St. Pierre, trustee.



50th reunion

Members of the graduating class of 1941 at St. Peter's School gathered at the Dominican Convent in Sabattus recently for a reunion. Renewing acquaintances were, from left, kneeling, Carmen Chasse Ricker, Pauline Fournier, Gratienne Dutil McGraw, Muriel Marois Martin, Carmen Chaput Bussiere and Dorothee Verville Parent; second row, Yvonne Moreau Bouchard, Georgette Landry Lavoie, Therese St. Pierre Charest and Fernande Levesque Leblond;

third row, Marguerite Pelletier Menard, Georgette Goyette Rocheleau and Lorraine Chenard Gelinas; last row, Marguerite Cyr Fournier, Therese Frechette Landry, Marie Reine Bail Chabot, Agnes Bousquet, Georgette Gagne Deschesne, Anita Bedard Tardif, Therese Cayer Lajoie, Lucille Villeneuve Gelinas, Dorothee Morin Martin, Rolande Cote Provencher and Juliana Beaucage.



Joey Gamache moves in for an assault on Jerry Ngobeni during title with a 10th-round TKO, opening the way to many future Friday's WBA title bout at Lewiston Raceway. Gamache won the gains.

RUSS DILLINGHAM/Sunday photographer

Gamache has title to riches

By STEVE SHERLOCK
Sunday Staff Writer

LEWISTON — World Boxing Association junior lightweight champion Joey Gamache kept his promise to his fans and brought a world title fight to his hometown. Gamache captured the vacant title Friday night at Lewiston Raceway with a 10-round technical knockout against a game Jerry Ngobeni.

With that goal accomplished, Gamache will have his sights set even higher now. The larger paydays awarded to a champion are beckoning the local hero, who may have fought his last Maine fight, at least for the foreseeable future.

Original estimates of Friday night's attendance were what turned out to be an overly optimistic 7,000. A count of tickets actually sold was a sobering 3,700 to 3,800.

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Night's revelry got the better of him — really

LEWISTON — On the night of his first professional boxing match, four years ago, Joey Gamache Jr. told the three reporters in attendance that they should make plans to cover a world championship fight.

"I am going to win it," he said after whipping one oversized lightweight named Al Jackson. "I just want you to know that I'm serious about this: I am going to win a world championship."

Over the next 23 fights — and as the number of reporters at ringside grew with Gamache's ranking in the world — he became bolder and bolder in that asse



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Gamache even began talking about what he'd do once he got that world title belt around his waist. He said, first, he would take it in stride as he expected any good professional should, and that he would guiltlessly break four years of sobriety to hoist a celebratory beer or two. Friday night, Gamache delivered on only one of

See REVELRY, page 10C

Gamache looked at the empties. "You'll have to ask somebody else," he said, picking up a glass of ice water. "I know I said that when I won this belt, I'd go nuts for a night, but now that I sit here — even though I'm exhausted and my whole face stings and I know a beer would probably taste good — I realize that I don't need it. I don't need it at all.

"This is all I need," he said, patting the belt in front of him. "You know, I've gone this far without it, and as I look at this belt, I realize my work is just beginning, so why take a chance? A few beers and I might have the desire (to drink) again. I just don't need it and I feel good about that. This is what I've worked for all my life, and even though it hasn't really sunk in right now, why take the chance? You know, lots of guys have gotten this far and then stopped doing the things that got them there. I'm not going to do that. It means too much to me, and, besides, now that I'm sitting here with this belt, I realize that it was stupid to think I'd have to party."

Gamache picked up the WBA belt and weighed it in his swollen hands. "This is the only party I need," he said.

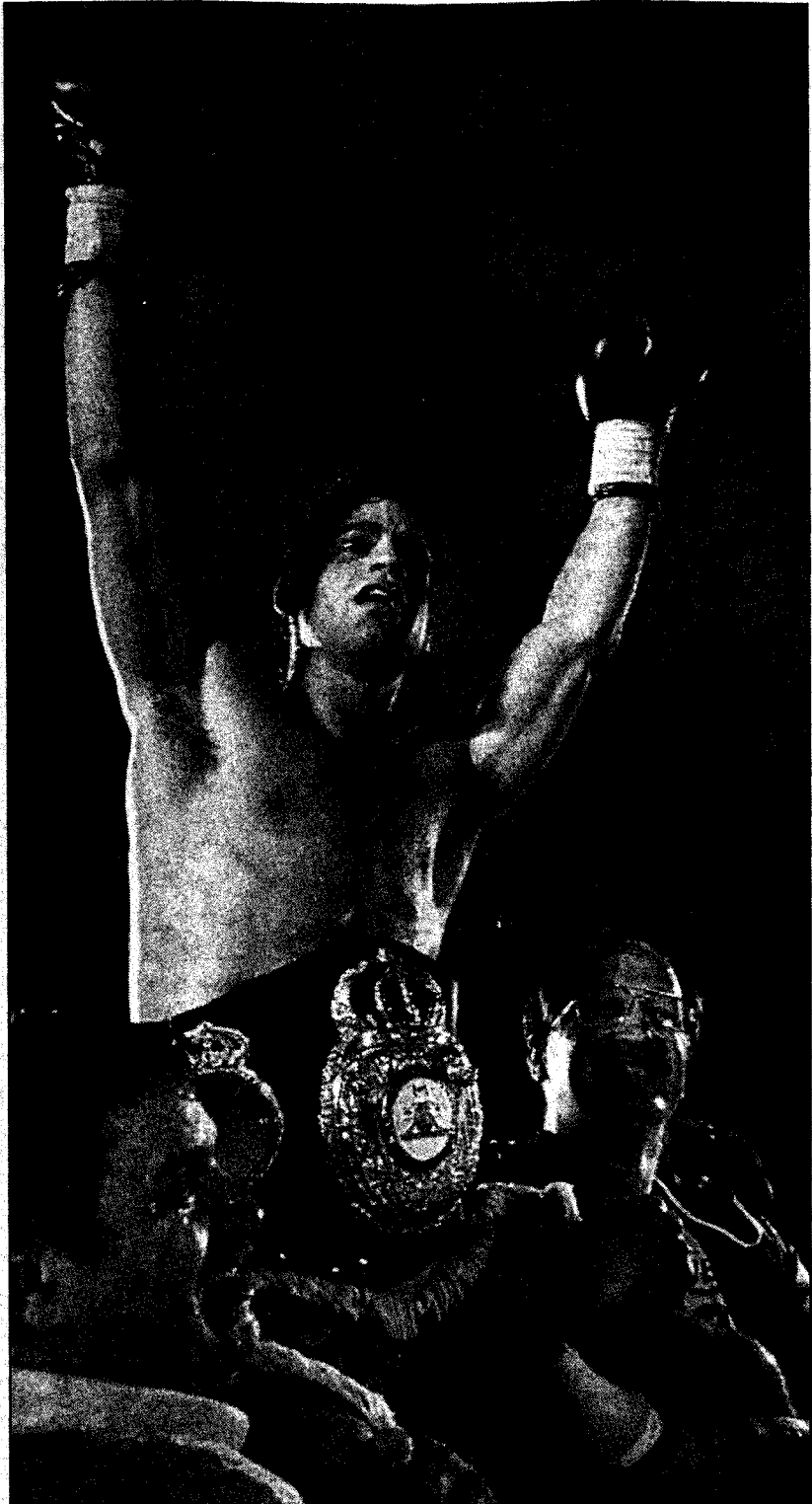
Gamache strapped his party around his waist and made the rounds at Fanny's — leaving the other rounds to jubilant fans. He decided the only revelry he needs was the fulfilling appreciation of fans — the heady satisfaction of delivering a well-worn promise to an entire city.

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Joey Gamache decided the only other thing he needed late Friday night and into early Saturday morning was a little food in that tired junior lightweight body.

"That's the toughest thing for me, is giving up the food," he allowed, feeling a little remorse for the mood swings of his fight week that sometimes force his host and cornerman, Roland Fortin, out of his own home. "I hate to admit it, but when I'm starving myself the way I do, I get moody, and Roland seems to know when it's time to give me my space . . . and I love him for it — I love him like a father."

As it turns out, that is the one break-in-training allowance Gamache made in the wake of victory Friday night. He would eat — whatever he wanted.

He went to Denny's with an entou-



Joey Gamache tries to hold back the tears as he is paraded around the ring on the shoulders of his father, Joe Gamache Sr., left, and trainer Tony Lampron, following his World Boxing Association championship win over Jerry Ngobeni at Lewiston Raceway Friday night.

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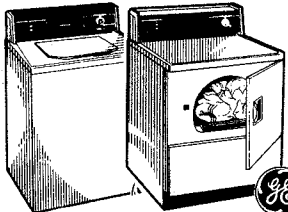
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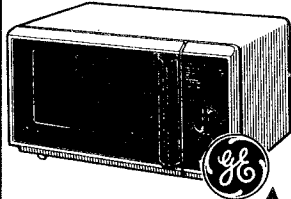


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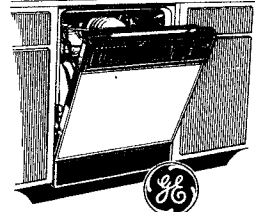
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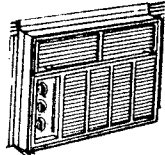


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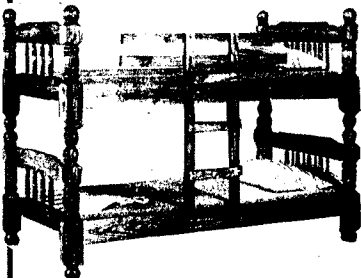
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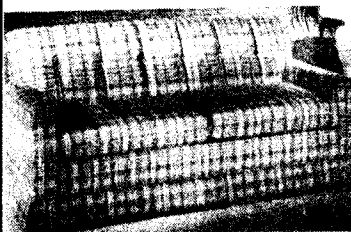
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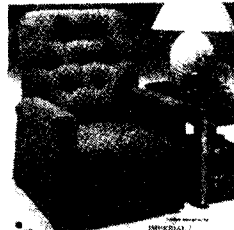
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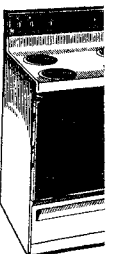
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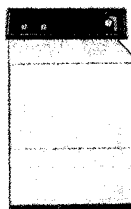
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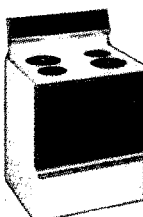


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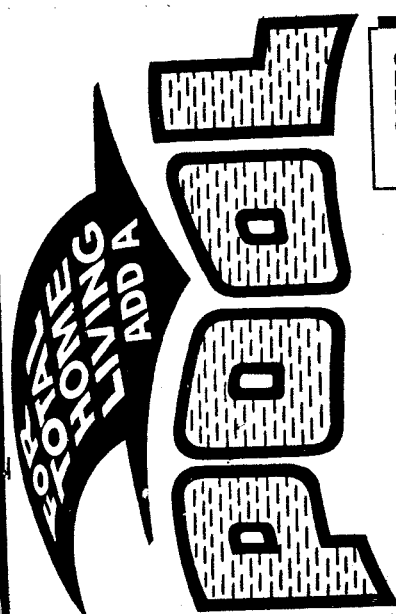
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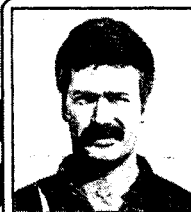
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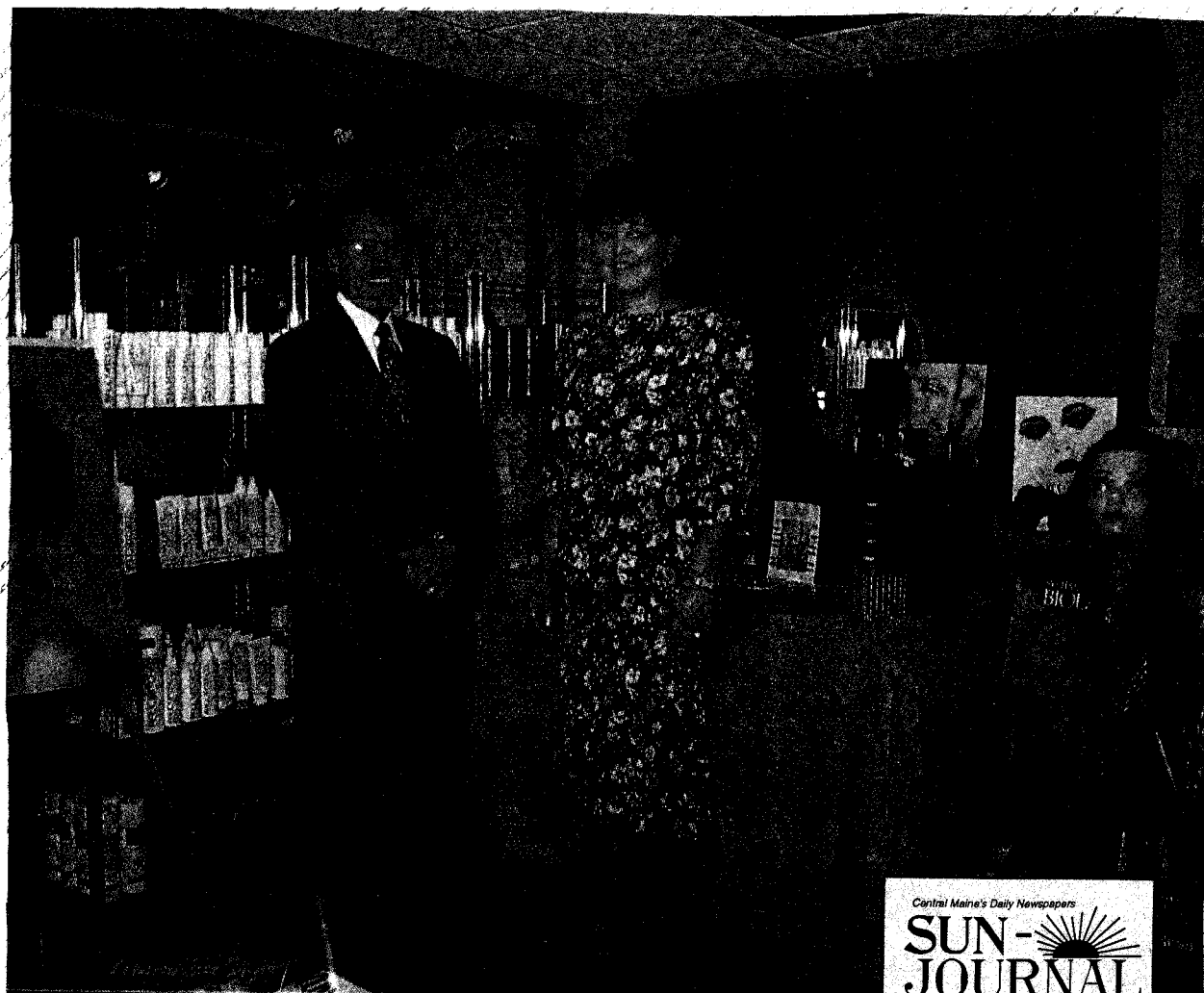


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